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AND SUPPLYING ALL MY
NEEDS. I PRAISE HIS HOLY
NAME.

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HEALING at a DISTANCE

"And He sent His word and healed them."

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."—John 1:1-5.

The power of the Word is mighty to make alive whether spoken by God, or the Christ, or by anyone who has the consciousness that "he is the Temple of the Living God and the Spirit of the Almighty dwelleth in Him."

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THE NEW YEAR

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We are facing a new year, a year perhaps of great changes or possibly a crisis in world events, as some minds feel this year marks the first in the new dispensation. However this may be, we are in a time of changing conditions, a time of reaction from inflated values owing to abnormal conditions in the past few years. We must now strike a balance. The pendulum has swung far outward from one extreme to the other, and must find its balance point. Let us all pray to God that this adjustment may come with as little suffering as possible to the world at large. Extravagance in many circles has run riot in the past two years. The majority have lived in the present, thinking little of the future, or of conditions in other parts of the world. Here in our beloved America we have had a great wave of prosperity, high wages, and consequent extravagance, while in Europe and Asiatic countries thousands and even millions have been, and are still, starving. Adjustment must come (for this is God's world and He cares for all nations and all individuals alike), and in this adjustment we must settle conditions in brotherly love, or in the spirit of the New Age. "Forgetting those things which are behind" we must press on toward the New Day. This adjustment process is not only for the nations, but each individual has a part; and first must come the readjustment of many of our opinions and prejudices that we may meet this Spirit of the Age, which is Brotherhood.

We are prone to criticize those in high places who have the

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affairs of nations to adjust, but before doing this let us look at home in the family circle and see if we have been able to harmonize, and adjust and bring out the best possibilities in the individuals represented there. Or again, let us look still closer and search our own souls, and see if we individually have ruled our own citadels. There is an old adage, "He that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city," and there is a similar statement in the Yogi teachings, "Before man attempts to solve the secrets of the Universe without, he should master the Universe within."

Each one is a veritable Universe in himself, and it is not an easy task to control this Universe. We are triune beings, physical, mental and spiritual, and we must obtain mastery over the physical in order to develop the mental to the highest, and it is necessary that we master both physical and mental states, before we attain very high in the spiritual, but he who sets himself this task will surely have his reward.

One of the first steps to mastery is being able to forget the undesirable things. Man is forever trying to develop his memory, which is a sub-conscious process, or the power to recall the experiences of the past stored in the sub-conscious mind. The majority of us might better be employed in trying to forget much of the past, than in attempting to cultivate a memory for all the experiences we have passed through. If we cultivate our memory let us cultivate only those happy, uplifting experiences, forgetting all the failures, the faults, the grudges and the hurts which we have found by the way. Holding on to such things binds you to the past, and you cannot go on to the brighter experiences the future has in store, so "Loose them, and let them go." You can do this if you persist. You are the guardian of your own brain; the "I am" consciousness in you has a right to bar out any undesirable thought, but you must be constantly on guard. If even one of these old thoughts takes root, oh, what trouble he can stir up in your mental processes, contaminating a lot of perfectly good thoughts nestling nearby. If you hold on to

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any of these old mischievous thoughts they will sooner or later make you miserable later on.

I believe that the one who has the power to forget the disagreeable experiences of his life, the failures, the sicknesses, the operations, the hurts, the seeming ingratitude he has received from others, is the man who makes the greatest and most rapid progress toward worth-while things. And better still, the man who stops talking about his past unpleasant experiences, stops contaminating the minds of others, recalling to them their own unpleasant experiences, which must again be uprooted from their subconscious minds, before they can make progress. Hug your own sorrows and troubles if you will, but beware how you relate them to others, thus holding them back in their progress. Two of the great characters in the Bible understood the value of forgetting. The Apostle Paul made this undying statement to his followers: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, *forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before*, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, in Jesus Christ."

The great prophet, Isaiah, also left us this significant statement: "Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert."

Those who are able to forget are those who are making real spiritual progress. Remember this, No one has power to hurt you or harm you or hinder you, *the Real you*. You are a child of Divine Love, *created by God, protected by God, supplied by God and led by God*. Listen to His voice. You are here for the purpose of manifesting Him on this plane; all else is secondary. *You are representing God, and God is Love. That we should always remember.* And "Love is strong as death—many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it."

In this new year let us put out the old, all the old hindering

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"oughts and all the old grudges we have against individuals and nations; let us forget all difference and press on in Brotherly Love toward the coming of the Kingdom which is promised us as close at hand. Many of you shall see this Kingdom established. May it be established in Peace, not War; in Love, not Hate, and in Justice and Mercy for all.

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Is God a Reality in Your Life?

GEORGE B. BROWNELL

(D)ANY look upon God and the Christ as a Principle. This is, of course, only an intellectual conception, and will change constantly as our souls and minds expand, just as our conception of God has grown in the past.

I do not believe that there is any better way to get a true understanding of God than to Practice His Presence. Gradually something steals into your life that is above comprehension, that gives you a sense and a feeling that no one else can realize except they experience the same thing. It is a *living* Presence, just as much as some dear one at your side, and you would no more think of it as a Principle than you would the one you loved. You remember Brother Lawrence "Practiced the Presence of God" and God became to him a wonderful reality, something tangible and intensely real, causing a wonderful sweetness to bubble up constantly from the interior springs of his being. He talked to God as you would to a friend close by. This is the way to realize and know God. It is the practical way. God then becomes something more than an intellectual conception to you.

The Christ called God "Father," and talked to Him as one would to a great loving Father. God is more than Principle, He is a super-personality. Speculation as to whether God is a principle or a personality always leads one into ultimates where it is impossible to follow. I see Him in His most glorified form and expression, shining through the Christ soul.

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We can form no higher conception of Him than this. In the Christ He became the Life, the Truth and the Way. He is the key that unlocks the door to all spiritual light and power. "No man cometh to the Father but by me." It is a great Truth that if the soul whom we know as the Christ had not been sent by the Father, this world would still in darkness be. Since He came it is easy to know and realize God, for He gave us a wonderful vision and example of Him.

In late years the Christ has been working right among us and even on the battlefields has his activities been carried out. He is right in our midst with a mighty host of angelic and arch-angelic beings, mightier in power and number than we have any conception of. This coming down from the highest realms close into the atmosphere of earth, in his second coming.

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A PRAYER

Let not my dreams of things I hold most dear
Tie me to earth, but with a vision clear,
Help me to build this day, dear Lord with thee,
The things which last through all eternity.

Attune my ears to hear thy message, Lord;
Inspire my lips to speak alone thy word.
Veil thou mine eyes from things I should not see,
Help me to leave my burdens all with thee.

N. H. D.

—Good Words.

The Science of Names and Numbers

BY

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CHAPTER ONE

SYMBOLISM OF NUMBERS

EW people realize that certain numbers recur in their affairs and surroundings; some numbers even seem to pursue them. Such indeed play a part in their lives, sounding warning, hailing them with invitation, instructing, encouraging, and they are unaware unless the Science of Numbers is known to them.

So great is the interest aroused in this subject that we may hope such knowledge will again be a part of general cultivation, and due regard for common welfare will dictate attention to those indications supplied by nature and by Science which interprets her.

We find the subject of our present study introduced to us by a man proclaimed to be the wisest of his time, a profound philosopher and an enlightened educator, Pythagoras, of Greece, who lived about 500 B.C. Of it he has said: "Number is the ruler of form and ideas and is the cause of Gods and Humans." Great minds following in his path announce that the knowledge of numbers opens the mind to the knowledge of God, and that it is possible to geometrize a reason for thought and an explanation for action.

"God geometrizes" is an ancient saying which expresses the truth that life and nature manifest into objectivity from subjectivity according to geometric law. The cross section of an orange or a mammoth oak each proclaims this allegiance. All crystallization is geometric. A swing in space, the heavenly bodies trace out their paths in geometric patterns. Sprinkle loose sand on a metal sheet, draw a violin bow across the side and the grains of sand will dance in response to the

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vibration and arrange themselves in geometric designs; thus music translates into form and acknowledges the geometry of the Cosmos. All form can be traced to the circle, the dot, the straight line, the triangle, the square and the star.

The idea of numbers in orderly sequence from one through nine is conveyed by geometric forms, and the figures or number symbols 1, 2, 3, 4, etc., are tools of calculation serving the purposes of mathematics. A symbology connects these figures with associate geometric form and, deriving from this symbology, the Science of Numbers enters into calculations beyond the range of mathematics, unfolding the processes whereby man vibrates his way up the steeps of evolution in radiant spirals toward eternity. And, at each moment and its freight of deed and doing, is part of this evolution, the Science of Numbers indicates the finest discrimination and the simple welfares of each passing day.

"God is a circle, the center of which is everywhere, the circumference nowhere."

Thus the Study of Numbers begins with the consideration of the geometric form, the circle, the 0 or zero of mathematics. The ancients considered this form as sacred, symbolizing infinite, boundless space, emptiness and limitless time. It was egg-shaped among them instead of perfectly round, and was the symbol of the path of the Zodiac. The Egyptian priests revered the cat among other reasons because she rests in a circle with her tail curved around her body. Just as the zero contains within itself the potentiality of the nine digits, so the "cat is said to have nine lives."

Inasmuch as out of nothingness, Divinity manifests, this no thing, this emptiness before life stirred or form cohered, represents the source of creation. Druid places of worship were built in circular form, representing Deity out of which creation derives and out of which all life and its manifestation continuously evolves. From such symbolism the kingly crown takes significance and the saintly halo is made holy.

Symbology ever invited the reverence of man for this idea

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of the circle, encouraging him to realize the universe as a mighty sphere of undifferentiated deity, and revealing him to himself as sharer in the impulse and responsibility of the unfoldings of evolution.

Today, symbolism still proclaims from behind its veil these truths, and ancient form takes new authority. For in this hour, at this very moment of man's progress, he is imperatively called to seek new knowledge and assume new responsibilities and, in conscious co-operation with the law, unfold into new manifestation that ever inflowing divinity which is his source.

It is, then, this circle of ancient reverence which serves mathematics as zero and is a tool of computation. It is this circle which in its essential and profounder significance relates itself to the Science of Numbers. Here, it is that Naught or "no-thing" before life manifests or form stands forth or time spins from the reel of eternity. It is that void which is the womb of creation. It is that emptiness from which emerges forever the created sequences of evolution. By this Naught, in combination with the nine digits, the Science of Numbers calculates all degrees of evolution and indicates all creative processes and conditions. There is no reach too far or discrimination too fine for its indicating.

The evolution of man is accomplished in cycles of emergence. Each cycle progresses and completes itself in an orderly sequence of nine degrees of development. A cycle completed, consciousness penetrates again upward into the deeps of the Eternal and the Boundless, from whence all creation is; and, on a new plane, again proceeds in orderly sequences of nine degrees of development from the new one of lifted value to the new nine, and so on spiraling through an eternal progress of evolution.

The Science of Numbers deals with calculations concerning these cycles of progress and their orderly degrees, employing the zero and nine digits of mathematics according to the laws of mathematics, but for calculations beyond its range.

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Each human being vibrates according to his degree of development or, in other words, vibrates according to his position in his cycle. This vibration corresponds to and indicates his evolution and consciousness. By the Science of Numbers, the vibration to which an individual is keyed may be ascertained and therefore his harmony with the universe and his reactions to environment.

• Even as the zero of mathematics includes the potentialities of the digits from one to nine, so from the no-thing of the Science of Numbers is evolved the degrees of evolution from one through nine, and these degrees develop in obedience to those higher laws upon which is founded the Science of Numbers.

Descartes sets forth the theory of vortices as accounting for the Universe. We may observe something of the process in the evolution of the chick from the egg. The beginning of the chick is, to put it unscientifically, a tiny black spot in the "no-chick" void of the egg. The embryo of any life, animal or plant, is a spot in the midst of the undifferentiated. From this spot the foetus and the completed organized manifestation is developed. The completed organism is, in turn, continuously built up and renewed by cells, within the circle of which, renewing life, continuously begins, a tiny black spot in the void of the cell. (

Pythagoras symbolized this first start of life, this initial point in evolution by a dot within the circle. The dot representing the change from life latent to life expressed, the beginning of incarnation, the clothing on of nothingness with form. From the dot in the circle develops the ultimate atom, the unit, the monad. This dot is the *one* in the midst of the universal; it is the scintilla, the divine spark.

Inasmuch as from one may be built up all, the scintilla, the dot, came to indicate the creative, originating spirit, the God-power or divinity, the source.

Pythagorean symbology used the circle with the inner dot as indicating associate ideas, as the all-vivifying Sun in the

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midst of the radiating circle of constellations called the Zodiac. Even as the Sun in the Zodiac is the spirit in man. Even as the Sun, this spirit is a center of divine radiation through which vibrates life and wisdom.

The dot in the circle represents the divine consciousness in man, ever urging upward into the void to seek its own source, divinity.

The dot extended into space becomes a line. This line is a geometric figure and serves mathematics as the Number one. Symbology supplies the Science of Numbers with values, and symbology derives from natural phenomena. From the nucleus spot in the egg, a line extends, bisecting the egg space. Such a line, the primitive streak of biology, develops from the nucleus of any organized life. This line is the beginning of the spinal column in the human foetus.

The spinal column is the beginning of individualization. It is the erectness of man. By it he stands, himself, one and no other. The vegetable seed shows life at the black spot and is bisected by the up-springing stem and the down-reaching root, each of which starts from the black spot.

The Science of Numbers finds the digit One to be a symbol of oneness, individuality, the undividable, the one in all, God, humanity. It represents ideas in endless association with this primary signification of oneness and firstness. As individuality, consciousness, Adam, the first man, integrity, leadership, originality, this straight line is the diameter of the circle and may sweep the circumference, accomplishing the degree of evolution from one through nine.

The idea of Unity, then, is expressed by the geometric line. The idea of duality develops with scientific simplicity and exactness.

If that central point of departure, whence extended the one line, extend itself again, we shall have two perpendiculars or one line and a duplicate line, or two ones.

The earth turning on its axis shows us a duality of day and night, light and darkness. The upright which sprouts from

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the seed puts forth two cotyledons, and this is the second constructive step in the evolution of the plant. From these primary ideas of duality and contrast arise associate ideas, as male and female, good and evil, truth and error. There is also a fundamental idea of separation or opposition, for the diameter separates into positive and negative by polarization. The positive suggesting the spiritual, the negative the material side of the circle. The original bisecting line separated the circle into semi-circles. Thus based upon certain primary significances, the Science of Numbers proceeds to associated ideas, and this is the process in dealing with each number.

The idea of three unfolds geometrically from the idea of two. A line connecting the ends of the two radii creates the geometric figure, the triangle; a figure involving the use of the line three times. Symbology makes one radius spirit, the other matter, both of these offspring from the center, the creative spirit and reaching away into space. They come into manifestation and form only when joined together by mind or consciousness. The space between the two radii is enclosed by a third line, the chord, and thereby the triangle is completed. The triangle is a symbol of ancient reverence representing the Trinity, the Deity in threefold expression, spirit, matter and mind. The third step in evolution is taken when mind thus makes union with spirit and matter. A cycle of development is thus completed. The creative principle or divine love brings mind and matter to union and manifests in form.

The triangle, then, which formulates the idea of three, symbolizes divine love, completeness, expression or manifestation, and the Science of Numbers builds associate ideas for its higher calculations.

Only in exaltation and completeness and the perfection of its powers can mind thus make union with spirit. Only in translation towards perfection can matter body forth spirit; thus three indicates perfection of creation. When the conscious mind makes union with spirit, there is enkindled that

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* divine consciousness which seeks to know and is capable to recognize its divine source. Modern religion identifies this as the Christ consciousness and the Science of Numbers finds this consciousness symbolized by three.

The idea of four derives from the geometric square. Its construction uses the one line four times. It represents four sides. The sides are equal; the angles all right angles. So the associate ideas, or symbology, of equality and justice and reliability unfold.

The triangle which represents the trinity rests in the upper or spiritual part of the circle. Its base is the diameter which divides the circle into upper and lower semi-circles. If this divine trinity or the triangle in the upper or celestial part of creation reflects into the lower part, or the material part, of the circle, there results a square. This square represents the physical plane of creation, or man; man, the result of the union of spiritual consciousness and physical expression; man undeveloped, the spiritual locked in the physical expression; man just lifted above the animal plane; man differentiated from the animal by consciousness.

Four is three plus one, the divine trinity or God-expressed-in-union-of-spirit-mind, and matter finds manifestation in Adam, man, one. Man expressing thus on the physical plane enters the field of his struggles upwards toward divinity. The solidified square, the cube, is the anvil upon which man must beat out the spark divine from the material of himself. The ancient altars were rough cubes upon which was kindled the flame and consumed the sacrifice. Thus, the idea of sacrifice is inherent in four. Man does not release his divine spirit until he is sacrificed in the fires of his own flesh.

When man, material, shall by the power of his out-pushing divinity (the scintilla, the dot in the circle) bring divinity again into manifestation, when expressing through man, God shall again come into union with mind, when the Christ consciousness in man shall seek and make union consciously with divinity and express God through humanity, then has man

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brought the reflection of the divine into the material. Then is the material stone rolled away and entombed divinity released. This is the task of man vibrating in four.

Four results from the union of two and two or the merging of opposites; thus again it expresses the symbology of the divine locked in matter, spirit enfleshed, incarnate, man.

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Medical Astrology

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MEDICAL ASTROLOGY I mean the science which deals with health, vitality, disease, duration, or prospect of life, as shown, and indicated by the star map of birth. This is one of the most important branches of Astrology, for, if the map of a new-born infant does not show vitality and duration of life, and indicates a short life, death in infancy, or in the first few years of life, all the other subjects, as marriage, finance, religion, travel, love affairs, etc., must come to naught. A child, born with a fatal map and indicating low vitality, does not have the same chance to resist disease and evil planetary influences that a grown-up person has, for reason and the will have not yet been developed to such an extent as to be able to resist disease, which also takes knowledge. The mere help of a physician, with his medicines, will not always save an ill-fated child, as the lowered vitality, as shown by the evil aspects between the planets at birth, and their house positions, place the child in such a position that the first train of evil aspects and directions after birth cause the child to sink down and die, like a wilted flower, and no stimulant can save it. Any Astrologer, who understands how to judge the star map from this standpoint, can examine the chart, or map, at birth, of an infant, and tell whether the child has sufficient in-born vitality to endure for the first year of life, or for a long life, and if

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weak vitality is shown, but sufficient to endure for a time, can, by calculating the aspects and influences for each year of life, tell to an almost exact certainty the year in which the child will die, if such is its fate.

I am now writing my second book on Astrology, and in this book I am giving the maps of children who died early. The maps will be of a threefold nature. The inner map will be the map of birth; the next, or middle circle map, will show the Progressed planets at death; and the outer circle map, the transits or map at the time of death. Also, in the descriptive write-up of these maps, the Primary Directions that were operating at the time of death will be considered. The conditions in these maps are so clear that death took place under aspects, directions and transits that would seem to make death inevitable, and to occur when it did, in each case, *unless some Higher Power intervened*. One of these cases was my own son, who died in 1909, at six years of age, a very sudden death, and almost before any human aid could be given, and if I had known then as much about Astrology as I do today, and had made the calculations and studied the fatal influences that were to come to a climax near the sixth birthday, I would have known the child would be apt to die at the time he did. But, foreknowing, and human preparations might not have saved him for earthly life in that body, as at the time of death no less than seven evil Primary Directions were operating, to add to the ill-fate of a very adverse map at birth, which in themselves were sufficient to cause death, without the aid of the evil progressed and transit influences which were also operating.

People often write me and ask me to tell them when they are going to die, but it is my custom and practice not to tell people things along this line, or make any certain statements, as it would only cause worry, and it has been a kind Providence who has kept such knowledge from people. In the case of infants, and young children, I could predict the possible time of death, but it is not good policy to do so, as it is better for

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parents to enjoy their children while they have them, and not be looking forward to a date when one will die, in the ordinary course of Nature. In the case of adults, the time of death cannot be so accurately predicted, because adults are more amenable to suggestion and treatment, and can do more by their thoughts to overcome disease and prolong life, and by right thinking and right living it is largely within our power to tide ourselves over very critical planetary periods that might otherwise result in death if we were drifting, living in our lower minds, given to worry, a negative or morbid state of mind, or living lives of debauchery or dissipation. So it is a precarious thing for any Astrologer to predict the time of death of an adult. I have heard of some Astrologers, however, who do it, and who have made such statements as these: "Your husband will die next year," or "You will lose a very dear friend by death in the summer of 1922," etc. Such statements come mostly out of the mind of the Astrologer, or the Astrologer may have been a professional medium, clairvoyant, or palmist, also. I know of some so-called Astrologers who are writing "horoscopes," who cannot even erect a map of the heavens for the time of birth of their client, but hire the star map work done, and then make up a reading out of their own "intuitions," or give a clairvoyant reading and call it Astrology. It is such charlatans as these, and the positive statements they make about when people will die, or about what people will do, that hurts the legitimate science of Astrology. No Astrologer can scientifically say what people will do, for the planets do not govern the human will, or the personal acts of people, but planets, their aspects that are forming, etc., only show tendencies, and what you will be liable to do, and not what you must do, for by an act of the will you can do just the opposite to any prediction made by an Astrologer.

Astrology has its value in that it can tell the best times for doing, or not doing things, along most any line of human activity. It is proper for Astrologers to warn people of the danger periods in life, along the lines of business, finance or

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health, so they can act intelligently and to the best advantage in their good planetary periods, and relax, keep quiet, avoid worry and seek shelter and protection in their evil planetary periods, for "to be forewarned is to be forearmed."

Nature has foreordained certain years in every life when relaxation from work and business must take place, if the health is to be retained for the time. There are lean years, and years of plenty in health matters, as well as in financial affairs. There are years when the body contracts, loses weight, and when the natural tendency is to worry and be morbid, and to think the whole world is against you. In such years, when people begin to find they are losing in weight, which is a natural process, they begin to think they are getting sick, and start the rounds of the medical specialists, who usually find they are suffering from one or more "diseases," and line them up for treatment. But the evil planetary period continues, perhaps for over two years, if it be an adverse Saturn influence, and they continue to worry and brood, not knowing their evil planetary periods until they go into some form of chronic disease, or have a nervous breakdown, whereas, if they had known, and had relaxed, kept away from the doctors, not been influenced by the evil suggestions they were getting from all sides as to their looks, they could have gone along through the evil period with little or no inconvenience, and might have even felt better to lose a few pounds of their surplus flesh. But it is the commonly accepted idea that when people begin to get thin they are surely beginning to get sick and that Bright's disease, or consumption are on their way. These are facts, for I have dealt with thousands of worried people in the years I practiced medicine, and I have seen hundreds also get well in a hurry as soon as their false fears were quieted, and when the philosophy of their case was explained to them, the planetary conditions operating over them, and that what they thought was surely going to soon cause their death, if they didn't stop losing weight, and having so many annoying "symptoms" were only the illusions of a disordered mind; obsession,

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and weakness from worry. In my opinion, thousands and tens of thousands of people who are in their graves ought to be, and might be living useful lives today, if they had only known how to think, how to act, how to relax, how to meditate and seek the silent hour and free their minds of trouble and worry. The New Thought movement is helping and teaching people to do this, and the pages of the "Aquarian Age," and the healing thoughts that emanate from the Aquarian Ministry, surely ought to have a great influence in quieting your restless souls, and help you into the Path of Attainment.

In my next article some of the causes of death, as shown by the star map, and also the philosophical and occult explanation of death in infancy and childhood, will be considered.

(To Be Continued)

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The Twelve Sacred Gates

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THE TWELVE SACRED GATES

HERE are six sacred Centers in the body; one in the head, another in the throat, and one in each of the following parts of the body: The heart, the solar plexus, the sex region, and the rectum. Each of these centers have two functions, an inner spiral and an outer spiral movement. One movement is toward the center, and the other from the center outward; receiving and giving, as it were.

These six sacred centers (each with its dual function) are called in the Scriptures "The Twelve Gates." They are all parts and extensions of the sub-conscious brain or realms of thought; in other words, they are each a sub-brain, and it is possible to awaken them and think consciously in them.

Often these centers are charged with thoughts of an undesirable character which we would like to transform, and so whenever a thought occurs to the conscious mind that is not

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of the high character we desire, we must bless it and affirm the thought we wish to become manifest in its place. Ultimately through this process we shall purify all these seats of power, and become such pure channels that we shall not obscure the light of God as it shines through us. When the time is ripe, or we are ready for it, these centers can be opened up by Master souls, providing our lives are dedicated to the service of mankind, so their efforts will not be wasted, and providing also that we desire this higher unfoldment. With the opening up of these centers comes clairvoyance and clairaudience and many other powers whose unfoldment we at present do not dream of as possible.

"Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in."

The procreative fluids are generated in the back brain, or the Tree of Life, and flow down to the generative organs. If one has arrived at the place where they desire to conserve this force for higher uses, it can be drawn up to the Solar Plexus region, increasing the power of this center. From there it travels along the regenerate path to the spleen for further refinement, finally lodging in the front brain, strengthening the perceptives, reflectives and other thinking faculties. Its conservation not only affects the centers mentioned, but strengthens all the bodily functions and brings a greater vitality and force to the whole being. In healing the conservation of this force is very important, as it gives greater vibratory power to the spoken word. The solar plexus has much to do with the spoken word in healing.

We often hear people say, "He (or she) has Cosmic Consciousness." When one asks, has he or she any of these centers opened, or can they think consciously in them, the reply is, "No." But the opening of these centers of consciousness is only a short step toward the possession of Cosmic Consciousness. What is usually called Cosmic Consciousness is only the awakening of a greater area of soul consciousness.

Letter No. 13

How to Learn Things

GOD SHOWS HOW

By WILLIAM ALEXANDER REDDING
Cripple Creek, Colorado.

HE human race can deceive everybody but God. They can't fool God. He knows that they do every thing in a slip-shod, *imperfect* manner; and that when they come to *learning* things they *skim* over and get a point or two, on the *surface*, and *imagine* they have the whole thing. But when God takes them in hand He holds them right to it and ties it onto them, year in and year out. He makes them *absorb* it. And when they *refuse* or *resist* against His way of doing He drops them out and puts somebody else in their place, who is *willing* to be *drilled* in God's lessons. And this is why St. John warns us to be careful and not play the slip-shod, careless, *surface* way of doing and lose out with God.

JOHN'S WARNING

Hold fast to that which thou hast so that no man take thy crown.—
Rev. 3:11.

And God's way of teaching and doing will *drill* us, right up to the fine point, if we will *take* it and not resist or grumble at the see-saw way of God of *rubbing* and *soaking* things in on us. But the people *always* grumble and snarl at God's see-saw and lose out of God's plan by so doing. The Bible shows *numerous* cases of this kind. They are sad. One of the cases is where God was taking the twelve tribes of Israel from Egypt to Palestine. They were a million or so of people when they started from Egypt, but only two persons of them ever landed in Palestine. The others died on the way. They grumbled and snarled at God's way of see-sawing them, and God just let them drop out, so that only two persons, out of the million or so that started, ever landed in Palestine.

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The whole company were so snarly that God threatened to destroy *all* of them and leave *not one*. But Moses jumped in, quickly, and prayed, *earnestly*, to God to spare them, and God relented and promised Moses to let them go on a while longer. But they died, one by one, until *all* were gone but two (Joshua and Caleb). They kept their mouths shut and said nothing against God's see-saw drilling, and they went through and landed in Palestine. Even Moses, *himself*, failed and never landed because he grumbled. And now God is teaching to the world His plans for the New Age and what the requirements are, and it is all new and unheard-of teaching and is (to human beings) mysterious and intricate, and whittled to fine points, with no slip-shod in it; and it requires great care and persistence and much see-saw teaching to *hammer* the points into the understanding of people; and it falls to my lot, by *calling* and *anointing* of God, to do the teaching of it; and the *gift* of God is put on me to *make* me know *how* it has to be done; and I am doing it *God's way*, and paying *no heed* *whatever* to the *human*, slip-shod way of skimming over the surface. I am see-sawing the big subject onto the world, and discussing it and explaining it from every basis and from every one of its *numerous* sides; and those who grow weary and impatient from hearing it taught from every side, can play the old Israelite snarl and drop out and die on the way and never land in the new and glorious New Age. God and His plans will go right on; and the drilling of people about the plans will go right on; and those who keep their mouths shut and quit snarling, and will study the lessons *carefully*, from *all* sides, will land in the New Age. But those who snarl and say, "We have heard that lesson before and we don't want to hear it repeated over and over," will drop out and never learn it. Each lesson is a teaching from a *different basis* from any of the *other* lessons, to bring out a certain point *not* shown in the *other* lessons. But the careless, slip-shod human mind may *think* it is the same lesson repeated over. A *new point* is emphasized in every lesson, but the *chain* of a

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former lesson is set in to hold the subject together so the human mind can follow it and not become lost on the *chain of it*.

God knew how to work things onto the human mind and then soak it. He made people write out His statements and sew them in between two pieces of leather, with strings sewed on each end of the leather, so they could tie it onto their foreheads and wear it, day in and day out, and year in and year out. God made them wear it on their foreheads fifteen hundred years!!! *Think of it!!!* And God would not let them stop at that; He made them sew His statements in between two pieces of leather and then tie it on the backs of their right hands and wear it *continually*. And God would not let them stop at that; He made them write it on the sides of the door posts so they could see the statements as they went out and as they came in—hundreds of times a day. And God did not let them stop at that. He made them write it on the gate posts so they would have to see it every time they went out or came in. *Think of it!!!* Fifteen hundred years of this kind of see-saw.

God's instructions about it are set in the sixth chapter of Deuteronomy, from verse 4 to 10; and in reading them, remember that the "*frontlets between the eyes*," mentioned in the verses, are the pieces of leather tied onto the forehead, right between the eyes, so that they would absorb into the brain and the mind; and whenever two people would meet and look at each the other, each fellow would see the pieces of leather on the other fellow's forehead; and each would know that the *same* message of God was in between the leathers, on the *other* fellow's head as was on his *own* forehead; and each fellow knew what God's words were. So the imagination of each fellow would imagine the words just so soon as he saw the leathers on the *other* fellow. It was the law of Suggestion, worked to its very limit, to make the message of God imprint itself on the Subjective Mind of every person. And God fixed it so they could not run away from it. They *had* to take it.

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*And if they did not stand under it they were swept off. It is a stiff lesson of God that works today on people. I have watched it 25 years. It is disaster to all who snarl or scoff or slur or grumble at the teachings I am putting forth about the David subject and the Israel subject and the House of David subject and the Jerusalem subject and the new systems of things that are set to come. And it is disaster to all who refuse to hear it taught from all its sides and repeated over on new points and from new angles. They must learn it and *hear* it from *all* angles.

Now look at God's way of binding His messages onto the foreheads and on the backs of their right hands, and on the door casings, and on the gate posts, and have them taught the first thing in the morning when you get out of bed, and the last thing at night just before going to bed.

GOD'S WAY OF TEACHING

Hear, O Israel:

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes.

And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates.—Deuteronomy 6:4 to 10.

Right after this command follows the statements of God that the people were to bind on their foreheads and on their hands, and on the door posts, and their gate posts. You must get your Bibles and read *all* the chapter and all of the seventh and the eighth chapters to see what God was teaching them. And then turn to chapter 11 and commence at verse 13 and read to verse 21 for *another* set of commandments that had to be tied onto the foreheads and hands also.

And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my

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commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul.

That I will give you the rain of your land in due season, the first rain, and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.

And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat, and be full.

Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them:

And then the Lord's wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and lest ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you.

Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes.

And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates.—Deuteronomy 11: from verse 13 to 21.

Read the whole chapter following these verses, to see what the commandments were, and then turn to the thirteenth chapter of Exodus and read from verse 11 to verse 16 for *another* set of commandments that had to be *tied* onto their foreheads and on their hands and on the door casings and on the gate posts. Notice verse 16 commanding them to be *tied* on.

Just *think* of this *method* that God adopts to *press* His teachings onto the human mind. God *undertsands* the human and *knows* how He has to deal with them; but the human jumps up and "*flies all to pieces*" if this New Age subject be repeated over, in different ways, to bring out the different points in it. The *human* never wants to go to the *depths* of God's big subjects. The surface skin of it is all the human wants to hear. Just a faint smattering of any subject seems to be satisfactory with nearly everybody. But such a way of learning things does not meet the requirements of God. He states His messages and then ties them on their foreheads and on the backs of their hands, and makes the people

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- write it out and tack it on the door casings and on the gate posts; and makes them repeat it over the first thing in the morning when they get up and the last thing at night before going to bed.

The slip-shod, flippant human mind of today would snarl and squirm under such a method of teaching. They would say, "O, there is Redding with that old David subject and Israel subject and House of David subject again. We have heard it over and over till we are nearly crazy." I wonder what such people would say if they had to wear it on their foreheads and tie it on the backs of their hands, and write it on the door casings, and paint it on their gate posts so they would see it hundreds of times a day; and then have to repeat it over the last thing before going to bed and the first thing in the morning when awakening; and keep this up fifteen hundred years!! Ah! But the human race has some hard lessons to learn in the near future, to bring people out of their old slip-shod habits and ways of doing; and God's *drastic* sweeps are now on, and they will become more severe as the old order of things and old ideas and ways are to be swept off; and those who are not willing to be taught by God's methods will go down in the drastic sweeps, as God can find plenty of others to take the place. "*Many are called but few are chosen,*" saith the Lord. Matt. 20:16. Only a few will endure and stand the drilling to *exactness*, for the House of David is to be *AS* God. They can't bring their human mind ideas into the *exact* thing.

Thus saith the Lord, Your thoughts and your ways are not like my thoughts and my ways: for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my thoughts and ways higher than your thoughts and ways.—Isaiah 55:8, 9.



Prophecy by Francis Grierson

Estelle Lawton Lindsay, in Los Angeles Express, November 5, 1920.

GHAT I am writing was told to me today by Francis Grierson, a man famous in the musical and literary worlds of two continents; ~~and~~ but who in all his life had but three months of schooling and who never studied music. I mean in the ordinary understanding of the word "study."

TOUCHES PRESIDENT ELECT

Mr. Grierson's talk with me concerned President-elect Harding and the national and international issues that he will be called upon to face. He made his statements earnestly, almost solemnly, but with no touch of conceit or boasting.

"I see these things," he said. "I have checked up my vision by a mathematical, cosmical method. What I am saying is not superstition at all, nor vagaries. It has nothing to do with astrology or palmistry or spirits or mediumship, though I do not decry the gifts of others. What I tell you belongs to the fourth dimension of cosmical space."

Now before we go a bit further I want you to know what Mr. Grierson has heretofore secured when he tapped this same region of "cosmical space," and please postpone the grins until you get to the end of the story.

WROTE LIFE OF LINCOLN

Francis Grierson, with no schooling, has yet written a book about Lincoln that is admitted by the great minds of the world to rank first among the books concerning that great man. It is called "The Valley of Shadows," and may be had in the public library. When Lord Charnsworth of the faculty of Oxford decided to write a life of Lincoln he applied to Dr. Prescott Bissett, dean of the law school of the University of Washington, to know what to read. Now the dean has a library of 2200 volumes on Lincoln, yet he singled out "The Valley of the Shadows" as the best of all, and recommended it to Lord Charnsworth. All Mr. Grierson's books have received equal recognition.

In his childhood Mr. Grierson was present at the Lincoln-Douglas debate at Alton, Ill., and never forgot the impression made on his youthful mind by that event.

He never saw a piano until he was 15 years old, and never had a lesson; still he has played at all of the European courts, improvising as he went, and he never repeats his compositions. His books have brought letters of congratulation from 13 French academicians and won

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him the close friendship and admiration of Sully Prudhomme, the winner of the first Nobel literary prize.

TAPS SUBCONSCIOUS MIND

All of his works, he declares, are the result of his intuitional faculties. In other words, he has learned to tap the great reservoir of knowledge known as the subconscious mind.

It is that reservoir that yielded the prophecies that he made for the national administration that will assume control next March.

Mr. Grierson says that the greatest national asset during the next four years will be the vision and intuitional knowledge of Mrs. Harding, whom he admires greatly for her courage in coming out and declaring her belief in the latent powers of man.

Just the same, he says, the new administration will be called upon to face three great crises.

The first trial will come in May, 1921, when the adjustment in government departments is being made.

MUST MAKE DECISION

"At that time Mr. Harding will be called upon to face difficulties both at home and abroad, and he will be called on to make a momentous decision that will cause much criticism," he declared.

"In June, affairs with England will cause him anxiety, and in August a crisis will occur."

"Have you any objection to my publishing these very definite dates?" I inquired.

"Not the slightest," he declared promptly. "I never force such matters, but I do check up my vision—and I have never made a mistake."

"In August, plots will be exposed, and from September on Mexican affairs will demand drastic attention, owing to propaganda of foreign agents in Mexico City. The new President must struggle with old conditions for one year and offend many.

"In October, Mr. Harding should pay particular attention to his health, for if he does not do so a physical reaction will occur, causing him serious trouble and perhaps a breakdown. November will prove a period of sudden reactions."

CRISIS WITH SOVIETS

"The most serious crisis in the Harding administration will be right in the middle, and it will be caused by the soviet spirit in America. This will be our greatest menace. This winter will end soviet methods in Moscow, but the adherents of this order will continue to struggle. The Japanese in Mexico will join with the malcontents in that country and make an effort to unite with the radical element in the United States. The President—and with him the capitalists—will have this to

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face. You can believe me when I tell you that Japan and Mexico are wrapped in the same piece of paper."

"Well?" I led.

"The crisis will be very grave, and all I fear is that the level-headed Americans may not see the danger in time to change their methods. If the President is too conservative—I mean if he resists those changes that must come—there may be a national upheaval. Bolshevism in Mexico may meet bolshevism in America and unite all the radicals and under dogs.

• "But it is on the advice and help of the original American stock that I rely to see the President through this crisis, as well as through the one that inevitably will come in the League of Nations adjustment. That issue has been terribly obscured, not through the special fault of any one person, but by the muddling of many people.

VALUE OF MRS. HARDING

"It is in this crisis that I see the value of Mrs. Harding's vision and character. She is a woman of very great moral courage and with enormous spiritual insight. Her clear vision will be back of the President and the nation in that critical moment."

"And so you see things coming out all right?"

"That depends—when a man arrives at a critical moment in history he is not in the grip of a blind fate. We are only in the grip of fate when we are ourselves blind; but when a man arrives at a readjustment period it is written that he must take the new or go under. In short, Mr. Harding must go with the progressive thought of the nation. And that is held in the souls of the 40,000,000 Americans whose fathers and grandfathers were Americans. I have profound faith in those 40,000,000. They will stand like adamant for the right. I know them and I know the English middle classes. The Americans are far more liberally endowed with common sense than the English middle class mind. I am referring to the law-abiding, home-owning Americans. They cannot be overthrown by arguments, hearsay or theories, but they are endowed with a vision that makes them recognize the desirable new.

"Ohio is the very heart of this kind of Americanism. My only fear for Mr. Harding is that he may fall back too hard on conservatism and so fall out of step with the new that must come.

"But then he has Mrs. Harding and those Americans to back and advise him in the crisis.

"You know a revolution may be bloody or bloodless.

"I think that America should be very thankful for Mrs. Harding."

Editor's Column

Santa Barbara Fellowship Colony is now organized, and is going forward rapidly under the organization of our old friend George E. Littlefield, and our newer friend Mr. Charles W. Northrop. This colony is co-operative, with common gardens and orchards in which all are to share. It is to be a gathering, so far as possible, of New Thought Folks, or those who are taking the watchword of the New Age, "Love and Service." The grounds are to be laid out artistically and lots subdivided by a very fine landscape artist, and all houses, whatever they may cost, are to conform artistically to the whole, so as to make it a place of beauty, combined with the utilitarian features in which all will share. There is to be a Community House and a Printing Plant, and the plan is to make this a large New Thought Center.

This Colony is situated about a mile and a half from the Aquarian Ministry, and while it has no connection with our work, we feel it will be a splendid thing if the present plans work out, and we wish the founders God-speed. It is to accommodate about 200 families. Anyone directly interested should write to George E. Littlefield, 31 West Carillo Street, Santa Barbara, for full particulars.

The Aquarian Ministry is growing steadily. Month by month we are forging ahead, sending out more and more literature to carry this real, practical Gospel of the Master to the thousands now ready for it. Hundreds are writing that they are being healed, prospered and awakened, and that they in turn are using the teaching we send in a practical way to heal and uplift others. You, dear friends, are helping us to do this beautiful work for the Master, and as the old year goes out we want to thank you each individually for prospering the work, and in the coming year we believe you will help us do a still larger work for the Master who is doing so much for you and for us.

In 1920 we sent 36,000 copies of the "Aquarian Age" all over the world, each carrying its message of Love, which we know is bearing fruit. We are leaving the fruitage to the Father. Subscriptions are coming in from every part of the world, and one of the most beautiful things which has come to us in the last few months is a Love offering for the work from distant Shanghai, China. This man had only seen a copy or two of the magazine and sent \$50.00 for the work. This is only one of the evidences we are constantly having that it is the Father's work, and He is supplying the need. Our faith grows with the growing years of the Ministry.

In addition to the magazines sent out, we have mailed hundreds of

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thousands of pieces of uplifting literature, at great expense to the Ministry, but feeling that every dollar which came in must be used for the extension of the work. During the year we followed a very marked divine leading to buy this home, as we were told we needed it for the growing work. We are paying for it in monthly installments, the same amount we formerly paid for rent in Los Angeles.

We have been divinely led to this Center, and we realize it more day by day. We believe the coming year will see the debt on the home lifted and that we will be able to do a still larger work through this Ministry. We feel we have been richly blessed during the past year, and we give thanks to God and to the friends who have added their gifts in the spirit of Loving Service to help further the work. We know you will be blessed in the measure you have given unselfishly to the Cause of Truth. 885

Fruits of the Spirit

"Not by might nor by power, but my Spirit saith the Lord of Host."
—Zech. 4:6

Junction City, Kans.—The exceptional generosity of your Ministry Service has in itself been good for me. To be able to feel genuine admiration and respect for people is mighty good for a nature inclined to "mental vivisection." Physically I am gaining rapidly. I can tell a more wonderful story than the one in the last "Aquarian Age" concerning a surgical case. Again I thank you for your letter. I liked it and I like you. I am sharing my Lessons in Truth with my chum. She talks of joining the Ministry

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B. A. P. Oct. 25, 1920.

Saratoga, N. Y.—I am still working on with the lessons with, perhaps, some improvement in condition. The last lesson was wonderful to me. I also note the reduction in price. I feel that the former price of \$2.00 is little enough for anything so uplifting and helpful, and I am sending the \$2.00 as usual, and with my sincere thanks and a prayer for the rich blessing of the Father upon you both and the work.

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MRS. A. A. H. Oct. 18, 1920.

Brownsville, Texas—My little girl is doing wonderfully. If you could see her now! She looks as if she has bloomed into the most beautiful and radiant lily. She loves to study and learns so quickly that it astonishes me many times, and you have helped me to do all this for her. I shall bless you always. If God helps me in my money affairs I will send you a little gift, not to pay for what you have done for my child, for money cannot pay for that, but as a token of love to you.

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MRS. H. C. S. Oct. 15, 1920.

Ossining, N. Y.—I am enclosing five dollars as a thank offering to the All-Father for healing what "seemingly" was an ugly wound. All day I have been affirming over and over, "God is the Resurrection and the Life in every cell of my body (particularly of those cells most directly in charge of the place of the sore). He is awakening my body, mind and spirit to higher expression, He is my Divine Supply, and is creating harmony and prosperity in all my affairs." Tonight the wound is healed. Praises be to God and blessings upon the Aquarian Ministry. My love and blessing are your always. In His love and service.

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MISS E. L. W. Oct. 17, 1920.

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Clinton, Iowa—I want to thank you for help I have received the past month, and see a great change toward peace and harmony. With many thanks and good wishes for your success.

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MISS L. M. Oct. 18, 1920.

Lawrence, Kans.—I feel that I received a great deal of help the month you gave me treatments. I am sending remittance for another month's treatment. I have only recently accepted the "New Thought" idea and believe it is fine.

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MRS. L. B. P. Oct. 18, 1920.

Portland, Me.—I know your first month's treatments with the Lessons in Truth have helped me with two difficult problems. I have realized that one was going to be hard to face, but I have faced it, hardly recognizing it when it came. I think yours is a wonderful work, and may it be blessed abundantly.

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MISS F. M. F. Oct. 1, 1920.

San Diego, Calif.—I have received a great deal of help from your magazine and the month's treatments. Blessings on your work.

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MRS. A. M. D. Oct. 28, 1920.

Haverhill, Mass.—I feel sure your Service is helping me in so many ways, and yet I also feel that I must help myself. Your Lessons in Truth are great helps and I look forward each week for their coming. The little magazine is also helpful.

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MISS M. E. C. Oct. 3, 1920.

Dalhart, Texas—I am better in quite a few ways. I am also having good success with treating the man whom I am working for. With love and best wishes for you and yours.

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MRS. J. L. Oct. 9, 1902.

Ironhton, Ohio—Last month you gave me free Service and I felt so much better it seems as though everything began to change, and I began to feel so well everything looked so much brighter and that is why I wanted to continue. Thank you so much for the free Service.

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MISS S. L. B. Oct. 9, 1920.

Ocean Park, Calif.—Thank you for your continued work for me. I am able to be around. My health is much better and it certainly is wonderful. I think this week's Lesson is lovely, and I am going to try very hard to realize that Great Truth.

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MRS. H. R. Oct. 11, 1920.

Willamette, Oregon—I have just received your letter containing the lesson, "The Keeper of the Temple," and poem, "My Harp of Many Strings," and also an announcement that the Aquarian Service had been reduced. I hope in a few days to be able to begin again. The Lessons and treatments for harmony and spiritual upliftment are far beyond the value of any fee asked.

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MISS C. I. B. Oct. 13, 1920.

Lawrencetown, N. S.—I am enclosing remittance for another month's Service. I am still having great results from the lessons and treatments.

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MRS. F. H. L. Oct. 7, 1920.

Scranton, Pa.—The book, "Your Destiny in the Zodiac," came a few days ago, and I read it with much interest and think it is very fine. I am enclosing one dollar for October's treatment, for which I am very much pleased, and wish you all success possible in doing the good work I know you are doing.

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MR. T. R. N. Oct. 15, 1920.

Long Beach, Calif.—I am enclosing a dollar for another month's treatments. My stomach trouble is so much better. Thank you so much for the help I am receiving.

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MRS. G. E. S. Nov. 3, 1920.

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Rochester, Pa.—I know I have been benefited, and just as soon as I can will send for several months' treatments in advance. One day I was lying down relaxing and trying to lose myself in God, and I saw a beautiful purple light, as a halo, and inside of that a man and woman's face close together, and a magnetic wave passed through my body. Your new friend

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MRS. L. M. C. Oct. 24, 1920.

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To Those Who Still Doubt the Continuity of Life

LOUISE B. BROWNELL

LAST winter we had the privilege of listening to several lectures on Etheric Vision, and various kinds of psychic phenomena, by Dr. Frederick Finch Strong of Los Angeles, then holding the position of Dean of the Krotona Institute of Theosophy. Before relating some of his experiences it may be well to preface this article by a word regarding Dr. Strong himself. He was formerly professor of Chemistry, Electricity and Physics in Tufts College, Massachusetts, and in his scientific research work became, to use his own expression, "a rank materialist." He is now a well known lecturer of the Theosophical Society, has experimented for twenty-five years along psychic lines, and lectures all over the country to large audiences on "How to Cultivate Etheric Vision" and similar subjects. In his classes at Krotona last winter he proved that fifty to seventy-five per cent of the members of his class were endowed to a greater or less extent with clairvoyant or etheric vision, showing that it is latent in all and needs only to be exercised to be brought more into manifestation. Dr. Strong has perfected many electrical instruments to help him in his experimental work, and at public lectures when he has used these instruments many people, who never knew they had clairvoyant vision in the slightest degree, could see invisible forms appearing in this electrical high-powered flashlight. Dr. Strong is widely known and highly respected, and his veracity in regard to the following experiences could not

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be questioned, and as they give perhaps the greatest proof of spirit manifestation the writer has ever heard, we know they will be interesting to the readers of The Aquarian Age.

As before stated, Dr. Strong said he had become a materialist and suddenly his attention was called to Spiritualism. He thought it was all humbug, of course, but he had been through some great sorrow or trouble previous to this, and was anxious to prove that we actually did live on after death. To make sure that he could not be tricked in his investigation he studied for two years into all the arts known to the stage magicians, who claim to perform all the tricks which the Spiritualists get through spirit manifestation. He studied into magic and all known trickery and ledgerdermain, and after he had investigated all there was to know along this line he began his real investigation of Spiritualism. He worked largely with a medium who had developed right in his own family, one in whom he placed the greatest confidence, and one who would have no desire or object in deception of any kind. Following are some of the tests which were made under his personal observation, and vouched for by others who saw them in addition to himself.

In one experiment he learned the Morse code of telegraphy, then got a telegraph instrument (unconnected by wires of any kind) and securely boxed it, nailing the cover on tight. In the presence of the medium, who I think he said was entranced, messages were ticked out on the sealed telegraph instrument, and taken down by Dr. Strong, who recorded them in his experimental work. (Some of you will remember a similar experience related in the book "Thy Son Liveth," a wonderful piece of fiction, supposed to be based on actual experience in which a mother received messages from her dead son across the water, through a telegraph instrument he had left set up in his room on the Hudson, near New York city, before going to war.)

Later in his experiments they had many materializations of spirit forms, whom they touched and talked with. In one in-

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stance he related that a man materialized who appeared to weigh about 180 pounds. After talking with him and touching him to see if he were really solid, they requested him to stand on some scales in the room. He obligingly stood on the scales and they found he weighed only 30 pounds. They then weighed the medium, whom they had weighed previous to the materialization, and found she weighed 15 pounds less than before, and they therefore came to the logical conclusion that in order to manifest in the flesh the spirit had taken 15 pounds of finer matter from her denser body and the balance from the others in the audience. (This is a proven fact, and one of the reasons why many people feel weak and depleted after attending a spiritualistic seance.)

Another ingenious method of proof was hit upon in the following experiment. Previous to the materialization seance one evening, they provided themselves with a pail of melted paraffin and another pail of cold water. After a spirit form materialized, they requested him to dip his arm, clear up to the elbow, first into the wax and then into the cold water, repeating the process until a perfect cast covered the arm. After the seance, when the spirit had retired to its more ethereal plane, the cast remained behind, perfect, with no break or crack of any kind at the narrowed wrist, as would have occurred when the hand was withdrawn in case of fraud.

The most interesting of all, and something entirely new to the writer, who had never previously read or heard of such a case, was the following experiment. In this case several people were present. The medium sat at one end of a circle and her husband held her hand on one side while Dr. Strong held her hand on the other, and they clasping hands with the others in the room made an unbroken circle. Before going into the trance the medium stated she would try to produce the usual materializations, and that if they would remain still, with an unbroken circle, no matter how long or tedious the sitting might be, her forces would endeavor to try a new experiment. She then went into the trance and many forms materialized,

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possibly fifteen or more people, so that all were pleased with the results of the sitting, but finally the last manifested form faded again into the ethers, and still they sat waiting, as the medium had instructed, for a clapping of hands to be heard in the atmosphere. They waited and waited, growing very weary, but still holding to the task, as the medium had said it might be dangerous to her if they broke the circle too suddenly. Finally when they were about to finish the sitting, as it was getting so late, they heard a slight stirring near the medium, and turning their gaze in her direction they noticed her suddenly slump or melt into her chair. They watched breathlessly as she gradually faded before their eyes, and just as the last vestige of her form disappeared they heard a faint clapping in the atmosphere above their heads. They jumped up and began to examine the room. Previous to the seance they had locked the doors and windows, so felt she must be still in the room. A search failed to disclose her, and the husband began to get frightened. They unlocked the doors and searched the hall and lower floor, then the upstairs rooms and finally the attic, and at last discovered her, lying apparently asleep on an unused couch or bed in the attic. They awakened her gently and no one was more surprised than herself to be found in such a position. She had been dematerialized before their eyes and rematerialized again in this attic room. This is the most remarkable experience we have ever heard, and in fact the only one of its kind, although many of you have heard of objects such as coins, dishes and other things being materialized in many instances.

All of these experiments were conducted by Dr. Strong under the most rigid test conditions, and should certainly convince an unprejudiced mind.



Those who live on the mountain have a larger day than those who live in the valley. Sometimes all we need to brighten our day is to rise a little higher.

REV. S. J. BARROWS.

The Planet Uranus

GEORGE B. BROWNELL

QUATOR to the discovery that Uranus was a planet of our solar system it was considered a fixed star. It may be a significant fact that this planet should have been discovered just as we were entering upon the threshold of The Aquarian Age, which this planet governs.

Ancient astrologers must have made many miscalculations when we consider the tremendous impetus this planet gives to other planets. Uranus rules railroads, air, electricity, ether, etc., and the higher faculties of the mind, such as clairvoyance, clairaudience, intuition, inspiration, etc. At the present time these powers are only manifesting in a small degree. We read often of someone who has discovered how to draw electricity from the air, but we never hear anything more about it. The universal application of some mechanism that would polarize electricity direct from the air would break up so many fortunes that the money powers see that these inventions never get beyond some Diebolt safe. When this invention or discovery comes, as it is bound to come, because it is being impressed on so many minds, it will make a great revolution in our methods of transportation. For instance, the aeroplane will be noiseless and fly at tremendous speeds. Railroads will be built on hanging arches and make the speed of our present locomotives seem like snail's pace. This invention alone will liberate mankind to much less toil. There are people who believe that inventions that lessen the labor of man are a curse, because they give him more time to meditate and plan evil and mischief, but this is not so. In almost every line we in this country are further advanced than any other peoples or races on the earth, yet our hours of labor are only one-half to two-thirds that of other countries.

When a race gets to a point where such inventions are possible, reforms will be inaugurated which will tend to keep

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things balanced. Already prohibition has become almost world-wide under the reforming power of this planet Uranus.

What a wonderful sight we would behold if we could be back here a thousand years from now when the Aquarian Age is at the zenith of its power, or when it reaches its highest vibration. Everything will be changed. For instance there will be no policemen and all jails will have been closed centuries before. Criminals would be detected immediately by the high development of our psychic powers. All the finer powers of the mind would be developed, and the forces of nature controlled. We will be able to commune telepathically with the dwellers upon the higher planes and commune with spirits on other planets. The walls between the inner and outer realms will be broken down. We will see our departed friends and communicate with them at will. We will be able to lay down our bodies and take them up again. We will be able to travel consciously on the higher planes, while our bodies are asleep. Some few souls all through the ages have had these powers, but they will be so developed as to become universal.

Our governments will then be based on principles of Brotherhood. This may seem impossible to some of our practical minds, but there is now a small colony in British Columbia who are self-governing and their one law is to do in every case what they believe the Christ would do if so placed. This society is growing and prospering and their community property is worth about a million dollars. They live without quarrels or dissensions of any kind. All are happy and prosperous. This is another product of this Uranian Age which we have hardly entered upon.

Our present system is built on selfishness—get all you can before someone else gets it. But as the vibrations of Uranus work upon the higher, nobler instincts of man, the present system of things will gradually dissolve under its irresistible influence.

The people born under this planet are humanitarian, good-hearted, and usually far ahead of the majority of the race.

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Many geniuses and inventors are found with this planet well aspected in their charts. It gives great independence of mind, large intuitional powers and ability for metaphysical pursuits.

Uranus also rules strikes, the passion of the mobs, and socialistic orders. It manifests in conglomerations and masses of people in hordes like "The Coming of the Huns" that swept down upon Rome and helped to end its deterioration.

Uranus always acts quickly and in a chart where this planet is adverse to Mars we find violent tempers. An undeveloped character with Uranus adversely aspected is a dangerous character. This planet was in the first few degrees of Gemini (the sign which rules the United States) when the Declaration of Independence was signed and eighty-four years later when it completed another cycle the Civil War broke out. It will complete its cycle again in 1944 and many are seeing in vision and revelation other great changes to take place about that time. This planet is now passing through the twelfth sign of the zodiac, Pisces, which is also a sign of travail and sorrow for the race and great upheavals are prophesied. In the physical system this planet affects the nerves, and many mental and nervous disorders are traceable to its influence.

Uranus tears down and destroys only to build anew and better the conditions of the many. It is no respector of money or wealth or of existing conditions. It had strong rule over Russia, which was the first European country to throw off the yoke of autoocracy, and Russia is playing a strong part in world democracy. Many will suffer in the changes coming, but the results will be worth while, for in their place something better and nobler will arise that will make for more permanent peace and harmony and a more spiritual race.



Music is a moral law. It gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, a charm to sadness, gayety and life to everything. It is the essence of order, and leads to all that is good, just and beautiful.

PLATO.

Extract from the “Mystic Road”

WILL LEVINGTON COMFORT

HERE is an out-breath as well as an in-breath in meditation. We must awaken an awareness within before any realization can appear to us from without. . . . I have been in touch with boys of ten and twelve years who use the Silence. They emerge better gamesters, better workers, better players. They will tell you that the other half of finding one's Self is the perfecting of one's contacts with the world; that the other half of Silence is Action.

As a matter of fact, if your quest within does not perfect your external relations; if it does not make your hand unerring, the tone of your voice richer, your presence more endearing; if it does not empower you with patience and genius for the hardest of your human tasks and trials, you are following a lateral which must be retraced. If the quest of Yourself does not reveal to you the sons of God in the eyes of passing men, you are being woven deeper in meshes of the lower self, and can only be liberated through processes of pain.

Your quest within is to find the Flame of Enlightenment. By the path of your approach, this Flame must flash forth to the world. To emerge from association with the immortal You, and then permit anger or resentment to return to your mind, because of the lowered vibrations of material life, is to miss the central point of the whole effort--that the Flame is also in all life and creatures outside; the beauty of the grass and the herds; of star and bee and crystal; most radiantly of all in the hearts of men.

The time comes in the inner quest when you enter a Light which you must carry forth into action, if you would find the immortal in other men. . . . Those human beings, sometimes nearest, those hardest to endure, are especially important for you, since they enable you to become your own master. In perfecting your relations to them, you overcome the self.

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Every conquest of hatred and irritation for others liberates the expression of the Spirit even in these bodies of flesh.

. . . There is no mistake in your house or at your table; no mistake up or down the world or town. The ones nearest you are your saviours. In overcoming yourself to deal greatly with all of these, you come into authority over your own cosmos, and perceive that the Flame enthroned deep within is Yourself.

. In real moments, I see in you, one as much me as myself. Do you think They have lied to us all these ages—and that we are not as one in the ultimate plan? You have heard this a thousand, thousand ways, yet the instant you know it, you will never speak of service again as sacrifice. You will see that the Universe is literally one song; that you cannot do anything to quicken that Self in another without casting out fear and fulfilling the law in your own being. . . . Carry on this thought to the Avatars and see Them vowing to be with us always, vowing to stand at the gate until the last being passes through.

They know what they are about.

We liberate the love in ourselves by turning to the great heart of humanity without. . . . We talk much of Unity, yet how long have we failed to realize that when one works for Unity, he works for Self.



In all things throughout the world, the man who looks for the crooked will see the crooked, and the man who looks for the straight will see the straight.

RUSKIN.

To educate the heart, one must be willing to go out of himself, and to come into loving contact with others.

JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE.

Judge not thy friend until thou standest in his place.

RABBI HILLEL.

If a man can write a better book, preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he builds his house in the woods, the world will make a beaten path to his door.

EMERSON.

A Little Visit to the Aquarian Ministry

GEORGE E. LITTLEFIELD

GHE most natural way and the easiest way—suggested by our every-day observance and spiritual progress—is to hop into our soul-plane, start the propelling thought, rise over all impedimenta and steer west—now speeding like the eagle, and now poised and pausing, to notice a city or clear a summit, or thrill with our freedom and rapture—then open the throttle of expectancy wide and soar and glide to the island-guarded harbor, and ocean-edged, mountain-protected, saint-christened city of Santa Barbara.

Here we are!

Perched like an eyrie over the city, with world outlook, bowered amidst flowers and trees, wide-windowed like open-eyed Vision, trusting, fearless, into the very depths and heights of God's great Universe, is the Home, spacious and with every inner appointment for the souls (to me George, Louise and Ruth), known to so many of my readers as the blessed and blessing inspirers of many lives, whose work and life here quicken the home into a beautiful Ministry.

Hush! As we enter a glowing silence enfolds us and communion, like thrilling, permeating music—perhaps angels entering and passing are murmuring their messages—it is the hour of the Word sent forth to heal—the Word for the quickening and prospering of others—the Word uttered on this transfiguring mount that transforms the weakness of clay into the Power of the Spirit. O Word! one whisper Divine! and thou art more potent than all the clang and boom of the world—Thy love-note doth heal and halo us with immortality now!

We feel that we are ministers, too, to love and serve all humanity.

And so we are welcomed. In the big living-room our host and hostess charm us with a simple graciousness that makes us feel comfy and glad; then we step through the French door

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to see the roses ('tis June-in-mid-winter here) and we exclaim again and again, "The wonderful scenery!" "See those lights and shadows of color in the mountains!" "O ocean Pacific—symbol of the greatness and glory of God!" And then we are conducted above to the most wonderful of work-rooms—immense, those big wide windows we noticed visioning a lavish grandeur of Nature that God seems to have provided purposely for this Ministry and its dear ministering souls. Here is George's desk, and here Louise writes and replies to Ruth's assisting query; and here is the little press that supplements the larger printery of the Aquarian Age—desks and printery and room the church and pulpit of this ministry-at-large of an All Souls' Temple of the Living God.

The day begins to wane. We would stay—but we must go. The joy of this visit is so exquisite that we must be alone, must each carry the thoughts, special and precious to each one of us, to our own sanctuaries in our many homes. So, once more taking flight, inspired by all we've experienced, we are borne on our wings of thought, beating against the atmosphere of all human aspirations, sorrows, greeds and gift-givings, up, up we go to the azure consciousness of bliss glorified with Eternal Love, and poised there, like one of the ocean birds we saw in the bay, almost motionless for an instant we sail, and float and sail around the beautiful Home we are leaving, wave a salute to the three signaling "God-speed!" to us, then swiftly through a divine sky we go serene and happy our several ways.

GEORGE E. LITTLEFIELD.

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People seem not to see that their opinion of the world is also a confession of character.

EMERSON.

In looking back over our lives, we often see that what seemed at the time the worst hours and the most hopeless in their wretchedness were in reality the best of all! They developed powrs within us that had heretofore slept; developed energies of which we had never dreamed.

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The Science of Names and Numbers

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CHAPTER TWO

SYMBOLISM OF NUMBERS

HE idea of five develops from the pentacle, and its included pentagon. The five points of the star rest in the circumference of the circle. Its center coincides with the center of the circle. The number 5 is odd and in ancient symbology sacred, therefore. The odd number when divided into equal parts leave one or divinity intact. In other words, the odd number represents a manifestation which discloses deity. Mathematically the number five represents a degree of increase in the orderly sequence of values from one to nine. Indicative of man's progress through his cycle of development, it represents another step in the orderly sequence of his evolution.

Four represented the undeveloped man, man locked in the physical, laid upon the altar of materiality for consumption in the flame of his own spirit, uniting with divinity.

Five expresses the uniting accomplished, the inflow of divinity, the downflash caught by man's consciousness.

The pentacle so placed that a star-point is at the zenith represents the cosmic man, man complete according to divine plan. His head at the zenith, his feet firmly placed in the material, his hands stretched to receive and give and dispense, within grasp of both the material and the spiritual halves of the sphere. Flesh or the physical animated by life or divinity represents man at four. At four material is animated but consciousness is swooned in flesh. At five, man wakes, his consciousness illumined and animated by divinity.

Man thus animated at five is waked by the call of his indwelling spirit and thrilled to new consciousness by the inflow of responsive divinity.

Inherent in the symbol of man thus glorified is also the idea

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of man stretched in the wheel of the circle. Man cosmic or complete, stands in the wheel at balance, but man individual, pierced through by the bewilderment of the divine inspiration his flesh torn by the new vibrations, is drawn downward by the gravitation of his material and swung upward by the reaching spirit. He whirls, thus crucified, upon the turning wheel of opposing experiences, racked by the force of warring impulses.

If we conceive the circle to be the path of man's cycle of development from one through nine to the augmented one or ten, and place one at the zenith and five at the nadir, nine will coincide with the one of the beginning and ten will be upraised to begin the circle of the next plane.

Man thus is realized as having been tried out in the flesh and individualized. At five he stands in balance between the down-path traversed and the spiritual yet to climb. Material gravitation draws down; the spiritual corresponding influence draws up. Evolution has so far been an automatic process, but at five consciousness wakes to recognition of God and evolution commands man to conscious co-operation with its processes. Here man must take a hand in his own resurrection. And here, if he does not realize the import of the summons, if he does not understand the strange inward call of divinity, and with answering faith set foot on the new path, he will behold only a new radiance and allurement upon the old ways. Art, poetry, the swooning ecstasies of the senses, these will confuse and hold him and the inflowing light of divinity will but serve to gild the material of the old path, and inspiration be thus degraded to physical expression. So the new energies which should lift him on the crest of the wave upward towards divinity are spent in swinging first one way and then another, sometimes wheeling till man's proud head is no longer lifted toward the stars, but hangs down at the nadir.

When at last man translates his material experiences into divine effort and thus balances life and eternity, then the lesson of five is learned and he is ready to pass on. But here at five he must make choice and take the initiative. Here decision,

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regulation, discipline, or irresponsibility, perversion and crucifixion.

Five is two plus one, plus two. Here stands individuality, one, holding in balance the opposites, the material and the divine expression of that individuality.

Five is four plus one; the material four, the square, penetrated by divine consciousness, one. Even as in the triangle, three, spirit entered into union with mind and matter, expressing in form, so now the divine consciousness completes human consciousness, penetrating the physical with new inspiration and change of impulse.

The Grand Man of the Zodiac not only commands and includes the circle from one through nine, but he stands with the head or consciousness culminating at ten. Consciousness here lifts to the new cycle. Man individual, who has progressed so far as to stand at the nadir or five, is there pierced through with the bisecting diameter and his consciousness; the head, is thus in line with that One and ten above; here then at five, he is aware of his potential divinity. At five he sees himself at the completion of his cycle at ten. Here spirit demands incarnation anew and man answers with *self-expression*. And his the choice whether that self be the divine self rising to spiritual translations of the physical, or the material, still earth-hungry self, which dissipates in exaltation if the earth-self, in art and the flame of strange passions and the ecstasies of the senses. From all these symbologies derive the significances of five in the higher calculations of the science of Numbers.

New life, inspiration, duality, abandonment, the Christ-consciousness, these are some of the fundamental ideas.

The hand is the direct agent of consciousness. It may represent the violence of the physical will or may become a tool of exquisite delicacy, commanding the brush, the pen, the violin bow. It may caress or kill. It may guide the plow or lift to receive the response of divinity to man's prayer. Only by the use of the two hands together can man do perfect work. Only

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when the material and the spiritual together grasp, is man creatively efficient. Only so can man shape form to his own higher expression. Under five man's creative powers are stirred on all planes. Art, science, pro-creation, evolution, all these urges shake him, and towards all he turns as he spins at five, reaching in all directions. The five fingers subtly indicate and correspond to the five senses, each sense thus vibrating through two channels toward expression, the right and the left hand.

When the lessons under five are learned, then the upward way is taken and man's weight swings towards that foot which rests in the celestial hemisphere. Then his vibration lifts to six, and the science of numbers finds him at the next period of his development and one step further along the eternally completing half of evolution.

Six we see as the two triangles, the trinity—body, mind and spirit—or divinity incarnate, and the trinity, body, mind and spirit, or divinity released. These interwoven make the six-pointed star, including in its interweaving lines the hexagon. Here we have spirit, drawn into form, spirit cased in matter, and spirit expressed or emergent through matter. These intertwining and interlocked, make the new expression six.

This uniting gives us the star which engages at each point with the circumference, and is included thus by the completed cycle.

We think of six as sacred three plus sacred three. Here man, obedient to the outflung urge of five, begins his upward mounting. And the first step up rests upon the solid foundation of matter, hewn out into shape, or conquered. Spiritual consciousness takes now command, and to its service material man is harnessed. The drudgery of Adam cast forth into matter to knead it, with his own sweat, to bread, is now changed to the voluntary systematized and patient toil of one whose quarried rocks are laid to make the temples wherein his soul shall worship. Here is taken up the slow task of incarnation for the god-impulses, generated under five. We find six re-

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iterated in animal construction. Here at six is peace and quiet, content, patience and organizing, resultant from that decision which finally stopped the swinging agony of five. This peace and patience blesses the toil by which man here rears housing for his soul. The material self was left hanging on the cross of five, and now the cosmic self bethinks it of humanity. Here domesticity is developed and those responsibilities towards family and community, towards dependence and fellow-workers are assumed, under weight of which the individuality takes new strength and compactness. The old burdens bent him or tore him asunder; these are carried in uprightness and they knit his being into co-ordinated power.

In the lifted consciousness, awakens the Christ-love for God in man. The home-builder calls the many to his hearth. The maternal suckles the waif at one breast, while her own child is held close to the other. At six we find the creative principle again stirring matter to form. Here, however, comes a deep sense that the outer forms of life must satisfy the inner pressures of eternity. Balance was attained at five. Conformity must be constructed at six. Conscience is illumined, endeavor ennobled. From these many basic significances the values of six are computed for the higher calculations of the science of Numbers.

When outer correspondence to inner demand is accomplished, when the steps are reared to the temple, then man's struggle for a time is over and he enters into the temple, and the science of Numbers finds him at seven.

The idea of seven is geometrically conveyed by the addition of the dot at the center of the six-pointed star. Mathematically seven indicates the next orderly step in the sequence of numbers. Symbology indicates the next step in the sequence of man's development. The appearance of the dot in the hexagon suggests the kindling upon the altar of the divine flame. Long ago the cube was the altar upon which burned sacrifice: that rock of materiality has been re-shaped and carries now, not material sacrifice, but the clear flame of life springing eternal.

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That fecundation implied by the descent of spirit into form at six, results at seven in permutation anew of the dot, the central creative point, divine consciousness, the scintilla. This consciousness appears here cradled in matter, at the center of the hewn-out hexagon. Here at the seventh step in evolution man's consciousness centers and comes to rest, ignoring the turmoil and escaping the swing, the toil and the efforts of previous states.

He no longer turns with the outer rim of the wheel; he is serene and poised at its center. The number seven is sacred because odd, but thrice sacred because when divinity, One, emerges from it, there is left a sacred trinity to either side, for seven is three and one and three. Seven is also six (or physical perfection, the material regulated, flesh translated) united to One, the divine. Six, plus one. It is two and two and two, or construction on three planes, standing like three pillars to support the temple floor where burns the flame of one. (2+2+2+1.)

The candles at the ancient altars were grouped in seven-branched holders; we find the symbology of seven supported by Nature's construction. Man is a seven-fold creature, renewing throughout the cellular construction each seven years. Seven layers completes his skin, seven oriaces serve his five senses, two eyes, two ears, two nostrils and the mouth, whence issues the word, or God manifest. Even the three pillars again and the altar, divinity.

The seventh day of the week is sacred to rest and worship. Humanity's life is divided into "seven ages."

Seven is three and four, the merging of material and divine into a conscious unity, the divine quickened to seek and know its source. From these symbologies the Science of Numbers takes the values of seven to serve its higher calculations.

Eight is suggested by the geometric octagon, each of the eight angles imbedded in the circumference, each marked a stopping place in the march about the cycle, nine coinciding with one. Here at eight man again emerges into activity. The

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period of rest and inner development passed in the temple of seven brings him to his task of incarnation with balanced powers. The figure eight is constructed of the circles interlaced or emerging one from the other. The figure is self-supporting, whichever circle is uppermost. If the circles lie side by side, we have again a suggestion of balance, or the scales.

The figure 8 suggests also the hour-glass. The full glass ever supplying the empty one. The ancient hour-glass was set in a frame-work, the top and bottom of which was octagon-shape, eight slender uprights connecting them. At 8 we find inspiration translated into practical form. The spiritual flow from the upper glass fully accommodated in the lower. The universal expressed in the individual. Here under eight vibration man brings into complete control and use his entire equipment, mental, spiritual and material. Eight is symbolized by the keystone to the arch, which locks into security and shape the two sides.

Eight is four and four, or again the balance of the upper square and the lower. It is sacred three and sacred three united by two, the double pillar of man's dual consciousness. It is the divine consciousness of seven brought to expression by the individualized man. From these symbologies the number 8 takes value. It suggests also the material and the inspirational self.

(To Be Continued)



Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding.

I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in right paths. Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life.

My son, attend to my Words—let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.—Solomon: Proverbs 4:7-22.

Letter No. 14
How to Learn Things

GOD SHOWS HOW

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GOD is drawing a tight line down onto the world and the world is squirming under it, but don't see what is the cause of all the upheaval: therefore, it is important for people to come to a *closer* study of things. The old slip-shod, careless, *surface* way of thinking and doing must be put away, and the human mind must be *drilled* and taught to carefulness and exactness, and be made to come to the *depths* of things. Skimming over the surface will not do. A smattering knowledge of things is nothing but confusion, which is damaging. A confused person can not stand, *these* days. The sweep-ups are putting people to their very best efforts to pull through at all; and it has to be done *intelligently*, and in line with God's plans, and the turns that are to be made while God is sweeping down and out the old order of things and fixing for the New Age that is, soon, to set in on this earth; therefore, the New Age plans must be studied, over and over, and become well settled in mind; and every move must be made in harmony with the plans of God in order to pull through at all. Therefore, people must put away their *old* idea about learning things by hearing them stated just once. *It can't be done.* And especially the New Age plans can't be learned by any careless, slip-shod methods. The subject is entirely new and unheard-of; and they are mysterious to the *human* mind and have many sides and angles and points so that the subject must be *carefully* studied, over and over, to get the different points in it; and people who are "touchy" about hearing it repeated over at them more than once will never be selected by God to be the Elect because the *Elect* are to be drilled, over and over, and taught and dressed down and hewn and lined up

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with a straight-edge, as no slip-shod, smattering, careless people can be taken into the Elect Company, as the New Age is going to draw a line on the world and make things come to *exactness* and to order. The old, careless, hit-and-miss ways of doing and thinking can not come into the New Age. God is going to make the people come to a focus; and those who refuse to be lined up to fit the plans of God will be set aside and will lose out from being selected as the Elect.

GOD'S STATEMENT ABOUT IT

Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he *make* to understand doctrine? For precept *must* be upon precept, and line upon line—here a little and there a little. This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the *weary* to rest. *This* is the refreshing, *but they could not hear*; for the word of the Lord was unto them in precept upon precept, and *line upon line*; here a little and there a little. Now hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful ones, for I say unto you that judgment I will lay to the line and righteousness I will lay to the plumb-line; and the hail shall sweep away your refuge of lies behind which you have been hiding, and the waters of the Spirit of God will overflow your hiding places, and your covenant with death shall be annulled and your agreement with hell shall *not stand*. Then ye shall be trodden down by it and it shall take you; for, by day and by night it shall pass over you; and the Lord will rise up and do his strange work and bring to pass his strange acts. Therefore, be ye not mockers (and flippant snarlers) for a consumption is determined upon the whole earth. Give ear and hear me and harken to my speech, for God doth instruct you and teach you.—Isaiah 28.

This is a *terrible* warning of God to people who snarl and grumble when God's very intricate plans and teachings are put before them and repeated, over and over, to press into their slip-shod human minds the very mysterious points from the *many sides* of the subject. Those who snarl and don't want to hear it from all its many sides never get the slightest understanding of the mysterious subject. I have watched this point on people, the last thirty years I have been putting the big subject before the world. This is why I have quit writing big books. People will read the book through in a few hours, and never touch it again. They *think* they have learned the subject and don't *need* to study it, over and over, like a

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lesson in arithmetic. They *think* they know all about it; but, when I come to talk to them about the subject I find they know *nothing* about it. And even the few points they *think* they know, they have all wrong and just the *reverse* of the truth of it. It is a subject with many sides, and covers over a period of six thousand years. And a person must have a good knowledge of ancient Bible history in order to understand the chain of the subject. It can't be thrown into a heap. God has been see-sawing it onto me ever since 1870—just 41 years up to this year of 1920; and I am still learning more about it. And, then, for people to *think* they can learn it by reading it over once or twice, is an absurdity. It has to be presented from all its sides and must be gone over and over; and people who are "*touchy*" about hearing any thing more than once will never be selected, by God, as the Elect.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, and because they reject knowledge, when it is put before them, I reject them, saith the Lord.—Hosea 4:6.

Many lessons in the Bible show that God rejected people and swept them off the earth because they snarled and refused to be taught and drilled by God's sent Messenger or Prophet. Even Aaron (Moses' brother), and Miriam (Moses' sister), were caught in a bad scrape. They snarled at their brother Moses because they *thought* he was not teaching and acting right. God heard it and took them to task about it. Leprosy struck the sister, Miriam, and Aaron, the brother, just barely saved himself by jumping to it quickly and repented for what he said against his brother Moses.

A BAD SCRAPE

Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses and the Lord heard it; and the Lord said unto Moses and Aaron and Miriam: come out here, ye three; and they came out and the Lord called Aaron and Miriam and they came forth. And the Lord said unto them: were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? And the displeasure of the Lord was kindled against them and Miriam became leprous and turned white; and Aaron said to Moses, alas! We have done foolishly and have sinned. Lay not this sin upon us. And the Lord said to Moses.

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If her father had but spit in her face should she not be ashamed. Let her be shut out from the camp seven days (with leprosy). And Miriam was shut out seven days; and the congregation did not journey on till Miriam was brought in again.—Numbers 12.

This is a *terrible* lesson, showing that God will not stand for any epithets or scoffing or fault-findings of people uttered against His sent Teachers or Messengers. But the balance of the Israel congregation did not benefit by the lesson. They committed the same grievous mistake by talking against Moses, and all who were guilty of it were swallowed up into the earth.

THE TERRIBLE DISASTER

And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, *Ye take* too much upon you, seeing all the congregation *are* holy, every one of them, and the Lord *is* among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord? And when Moses heard *it*, he fell upon his face: And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. And Moses rose up, and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons and their little children. And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that *was* under them: And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *appertained* unto Korah, and all *their* goods. They, and all that *appertained* to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. And all Israel that *were* round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up *also*. And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.—Numbers 16.

The people did not profit by this terrible lesson. They snarled at Moses again, and a plague struck them and killed fourteen thousand and seven hundred people.

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ANOTHER DISASTER

But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of the Lord. And it came to pass, when the congregation was gathered against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation; and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the Lord appeared. And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun. And Aaron took as Moses commanded, and ran into the midst of the congregation; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. Now they that died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides them that died about the matter of Korah. And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the plague was stayed. —Numbers 16.

The people were constantly drawing disaster onto themselves by snarling at God's methods of teaching them and drilling them. They *insisted* on telling God how to teach them and just what to do and *how* to do it. They found fault with God for keeping them traveling around in the desert while they were going from Egypt to Palestine. They could have walked the distance in a month, with plenty of time to spare, but God see-sawed them, backward and forward, forty years, in that sandy, desolate desert. God would keep them traveling a year or two, and, at the end of that time, they were only a mile or a few miles from where they were at the starting. He just see-sawed them, over and over, and around and about, all of the forty years, when they could have gone the distance, *easily*, in a *month*.

God wanted them to learn their lessons, to fine points, but they did not learn; so He just see-sawed them, over and over, till they all died but two. Only two men, of the crowd

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that *started*, ever landed in Palestine. All of the other million or more died in the forty years of see-saw, in the desert. This is an awful symbol for us to study. Does it show to us that only two people out of over a million will ever stand the see-saw drilling of today and land in the New Age or House of David? Christ says, "*Many are called but few are chosen.*" See Matt. 20:16. Yes—many people (over a million) started from Egypt, but only two of the number ever landed in Palestine. The two kept their mouths shut and kept thanking God for every lesson, and for all of the see-saws of forty years, and they landed in Palestine. The *others* kept snarling at having to go over and over the same road for forty years; and they, all, died, and landed nowhere. And the human mind, today, is acting the same way as those ancient Israelites acted. The human, carnal mind *thinks* it can take a hop-skip-jump and land in the House of David or New Age Elect Company. The human never wants to come right down to deep, fine points. It wants to *skim* over things. No *skim* game will work on the House of David, because it is to be *AS* God—Perfect. And the *drilling* will go on, years and years, over and over; and those who don't want to hear it, over and over, will drop down and out and perish on the road, as the million of Israelites did. The slip-shod *human* way of learning things will not meet the requirements of God, as He says He is going to hew to the line, and put a plumb-line on things to make them come up to the exact point. And it takes rasping and filing and see-sawing, over and over, to bring the human to it. And this is why Christ said, "He that endures to the end shall be saved." Matt. 24:13. It is no hop-skip-and-jump concern. It is filing and rasping, to the very last degree, to bring the human to the requirements of the House of David, which is to be *AS* God. Zech. 12:8.

Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people have three—all that they have had, all that they have now, and all they expect to have.

EDWARD EVERETT HALE.

Vaccination

From "Nature Cure," by DR. H. LINDELAHR.

Vaccination of healthy children and adults is often followed by a multitude of symptoms which cannot be distinguished from syphilis, viz., characteristic ulcers and eczematous eruptions, swellings of the axillary and other lymphatic glands, atrophy of the mammary glands in the breasts of women and of girls above the age of puberty, etc.

This explains the constantly growing demand for "bust foods" and "bust developers." A perfectly developed bust has become so rare that many hundreds of "beauty doctors" and of business concerns that make a specialty of developing the flat-bosomed realize thousands of dollars annually. One firm in this city, and a small concern at that, has made from \$2,500 to \$5,000 a year and has over 10,000 names on its constantly increasing list of patrons.

It is reasonable to assume that almost without exception these 10,000 women had been vaccinated from one to three times before the age of puberty. When this is realized, and the fact that vaccination dries up the mammary glands is taken into account, is it not time to pause and consider?

The figures of this one small concern represent the report of only one out of several hundred such firms doing business in all parts of the country.

Some years ago, a disease similar to smallpox broke out among the sheep in certain parts of Scotland. As a preventive, the sheep were vaccinated. *In the course of a few years it was noticed that a great many ewes were unable to nourish their lambs.* With the discontinuance of vaccination this phenomenon disappeared.

Does this help to explain why nowadays over fifty per cent of *human* mothers are incapable of nursing their babies?

At present the trend of allopathic medical science is undoubtedly toward the serum, antitoxin, and vaccine treatment. Practically all medical research tends that way. Every few days we see in the daily papers reports of new serums and antitoxins which are claimed to cure or create immunity to certain diseases.

Suppose the research and practice of medical science continue along these lines and are generally accepted or, as the medical associations would have it, "forced" upon the public by law. What would be the result? Before a child reached the years of adolescence, it would have had injected into its blood the vaccines, serums, and antitoxins of smallpox, hydrophobia, tetanus (lockjaw), cerebro-spinal meningitis, typhoid fever, diphtheria, pneumonia, scarlet fever, etc., etc.

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If allopathy were to have its way, the blood of the adult would be a mixture of dozens of filthy bacterial extracts, disease taints, and destructive drug poisons. The tonsils and adenoids, and appendix vermiliformis, and probably a few other parts of the human anatomy would be extirpated in early youth under compulsion of the health departments.

What is more rational and sensible: the endeavor to produce immunity to disease by making the human body the breeding ground for all sorts of anti-bacteria and anti-poisons, or to create *natural* immunity by building up the blood on a normal basis, purifying the body of morbid matter and poisons, correcting mechanical lesions, and by cultivating the right mental attitude? Which one of these methods is more likely to be disease-building—which health-building?

Just imagine what human blood will be like in coming generations if this artificial contamination with all sorts of disease taints and drug poisons is to be forced upon the people!

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These things shall be; a loftier race
Than e'er the world hath known shall rise;
With flame of freedom in their souls,
And light of science in their eyes.

Nation with nation, land with land,
Unarmed shall live as comrades free;
In every heart and brain shall throb
The pulse of one fraternity.

New arts shall bloom of loftier mould,
And mightier music thrill the skies,
And every life shall be a song
When all the earth is paradise.

JOHN ADDINGTON SYMONDS.

We need only obey. There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word.

EMERSON.

"Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart."

"Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."

Fruits of the Spirit

"Not by might nor by power, but my Spirit saith the Lord of Host."

—Zech 4:6

Malden, Mo.—I know you must feel that I am very ungrateful in not answering your letter and letting you know how I was getting along. To say that you helped me would be expressing it mildly in deed. I could scarcely be up when I wrote you for help, and Oh, everything looked so dark and uncertain. I can never thank you enough for the little gleams of Truth that I know you are instrumental in sending to me. I only pray to be able to live so I may be of like service to others. Wishing you God speed in your beautiful work.

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Mrs. M. C., Dec. 2, 1920.

Hitchcock Lake, Waterbury, Conn.—I have derived so much comfort and help from your lessons; beautiful messengers they are, and I only wish that people would feel the need and reach out for them more. I want all to be blessed as I have been. With my prayers and blessing.

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Mrs. E. H., Nov. 26, 1920.

DeSoto, Iowa—I am a great deal more than pleased with the book, "Your Destiny in the Zodiac and Its Mastery," which you have sent me. I have already been put in a way to increase my bank account. May the Lord abundantly bless and prosper your work and may I always have the wherewithal to help it along. I have been abundantly blessed in tithing. If I cease tithing I have no money for my own needs, so I consider it a paying proposition from a business standpoint.

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Mrs. M. P., Nov. 15, 1920.

Brooklyn, N. Y.—I am so glad I have affiliated with you good people, as it has made a wonderful change in me. I knew all these wonderful truths, but like a lost sheep had wandered from the flock, and it was for you to come out and get me. I have enjoyed this month's magazine so much. The affirmation is simply splendid, and when I repeat it I actually feel charged with power.

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Mrs. T. B., Oct. 16, 1920.

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Mrs. M. P., Oct. 20, 1920.

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Mrs. W. A. D., Nov. 11, 1920.

Carmel, Calif.—Thank you for beginning treatments at once. Please continue. I think it was the day my letter to you was received, or before that time, when I wakened from sleep and felt conscious of a Mighty Hand laid upon my husband and about him were Forces of the Light. I heard this, "My hand is laid upon him not to smite but to save, and to lead him safely to a place of rest." As long as I am able I will send you a dollar every month. I feel that my husband is improving, also that he will yet meet me where my soul liveth. I say to him daily, "God is awakening thy body, thy mind and thy spirit to higher expression."

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Mrs. L. B. S., Nov. 15, 1920.

Randolph, Vt.—I am so grateful for help given to my mother. She will not have to lose her leg. Also my father's letters show a marked improvement in his mental condition. I am glad you are sending him the lessons and am sure they will prove a great benefit.

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Mrs. R. G. W., Nov. 8, 1920.

Ridgefield Park, N. J.—I suppose you think I have forgotten about you, but such is not the case. My health is gradually improving. I can raise my arm to the top of my head now, and attend to business every day. God bless you both, and so do I also.

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Mr. F. B. B., Nov. 5, 1920.

Montclair, N. J.—Thanks for your good letter. Certainly you are generous with your time and stamps. The lesson on breathing is superlatively fine. I have practiced deep breathing for years, but lacked the spiritual import which you give. I can report an improvement in my health. I am trying faithfully to work in unison with you. With love and sincere wishes for you.

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Mrs. E. B., Nov. 30, 1920.

Berkely, Calif. Your special treatment for the bronchial catarrh has given me wonderful relief, and I cannot tell how thankful I am. Also my appetite is now good, and I should begin to manifest "abundant life" mentally and physically.

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God is continually creating, and slowly manifesting that perfection which He saw or visioned in the beginning. Look among your friends; look upon the world around you; then look upon yourself. Do you consider yourself a finished product? God forbid! Or do you look at any of those around you as having ceased to grow mentally and spiritually? On the contrary, all are striving to better their conditions. Who among us can even imagine a state of perfection in this limited earth consciousness?

We are set here to evolve; to continually manifest the higher vision of those who have trodden the Path before us, and praises be to God we are shown only a bit of advancement at a time. If we were suddenly shown a picture of what we are to become, say a million years hence, most of us would be discouraged, but we are only expected to take one step at a time, but with the highest vision, we now have constantly in view.

If God had made us perfect, would He have implanted this divine urge in the human soul? Why this continual striving to be better, to make others better and to make this world a better place to live in? Perfection is beyond our present concep-

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tion on this plane, but the earth is so tiny a spot in God's universe it is certainly not expected that we attain the highest perfection here. We cannot comprehend the immensity of God's universe. We have just been reading about the mighty planet Betelgeuse, in the great constellation of Orion. This star is the lower of the two stars above the belt and sword, and really constitutes the head of Orion. It is said to have a diameter of 260,000,000 miles, and is as large as the orbit of Mars. It is 27,000,000 times larger than our Sun, and it takes 150 "light years" for its light to reach us; that is, its light, traveling at the rate of 186,000 miles a second, takes 150 years to reach the earth. Who can comprehend God's universe? No wonder the psalmist looking up at the sky exclaimed: "What is man that thou art mindful of him and the son of man that thou visitest him?"

Jesus said, "In my Father's house are many mansions," and there are many planes or planets which we will evolve to as our minds and vision sufficiently expand to relate us to those planes.

God vizualizes and creates a thing perfect, or in its perfected state, but it takes time for that thing itself to manifest the God-visioned perfection, be it man or tree. To illustrate: God may create a seed, and vision and speak the Creative-Word that from that seed shall spring a mighty redwood tree, but it takes time for the seed to germinate, sprout, flower and mature, finally creating of itself more and more of its kind.

So God may vision man in a perfected state, but it takes eons of evolution to bring that picture into manifestation.

God created this universe by thought; all its glory, beauty and immensity is God-created; and everything God has created has the creative germ within itself. From the mineral or lowest form of life, which manifests the powers of attraction, cohesion and repulsion, up through vegetable and animal life which can reproduce their kind, and still up the scale to the human, we are co-creators with God. Even the great planets in the

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skies have the power to throw off great masses which in time make satellites revolving about them.

All this immensity was created by the thought-energy and vizualization of God, and God has made all his creation co-creative so there is no limit to its expansion, which is continually going on. We can see this in even the smallest forms of life and when evolution reaches the vegetable stage we can see it still more creative as all plants have the power of producing millions of their kind, and these are continually combining to form new species.

Man is unquestionably co-creative with God, and immeasurably more creative than the evolutionary stages which preceded him on this earth plane.

Christ said: "Ye are one with God the Father," therefore we must be creators with Him, and we are continually building and creating better as our mental and spiritual vision expands. An architect may plan a house, but as he begins work on his plan, inspiration will come to him to perfect here and there, until his completed house stands before him, very different from the first mental picture which came to him when he started the house, and even then he is not satisfied when it is completed, for he sees ways always where it might be improved. An artist also may see a picture mentally, and when he comes to put it on canvas, will brush out infinitely more than he has painted in, in order that he may even approach the ideal he visioned.

All God creates is good, and all we create is good in God's eyes, because He sees it is better than something we have created in the past. A little child may be given a modelling set and try to mould a horse or dog, and it will look good to us, and we will praise the child for the effort it has made, and call it "good," but we know and have faith that the child will create something better another day, when it gets a little higher vision, and so I believe God looks upon the creations of His earthly children. He has planted in us the seed of perfection, and He rejoices to see it gradually becoming manifest. Time

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does not bother God; it is only we of the smaller vision who get fussed up because someone is a week doing that which we think they should do in a day, or a year doing that which should be done in a month.

Build, yourself, with the larger vision, and look upon that which others are building in the same light, and you will pronounce it good. But God pity the man or woman who looks upon himself as a finished product. A finished perfect product has reached a stage of stagnation, neither going forward or backward. There would be no incentive to live, no incentive to die, no incentive to give a helping hand, for what would be the use if you considered everything and everyone perfect now. There would be no incentive to learn or to stir ourselves to any action. All one could do in the perfected state would be to dream in blissful content, motionless, and expressionless, like the unconscious baby soul in the mother's womb. Strive ye rather "to be perfect as your Father in Heaven is perfect," and so fulfil the teaching of Christ.

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To the majority on this plane the Kingdom still seems far off, but it is because they have misunderstood this statement of the Christ and sought the Kingdom, "far off," not looking within where the Father dwelleth.

Every man, woman and child has the power to create by his thought and action a paradise of his own, and bring into manifestation the Kingdom within, not forgetting however to show others this inward path also. For no man can live in the Kingdom alone, and we will never find it a perfectly flawless Kingdom until the last child of God finds his Kingdom within. There is one great Truth to realize and that is this: Those who help others to find the way, more quickly come into the joy of the Kingdom, finding it as the Master said, close at hand.

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Treatment for Self-Healing

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HERE is a treatment that will be effective in many cases if the patient will persevere faithfully in carrying out the instructions given. Upon the harmless looking little word "if" will depend success or failure. It is a hard matter to get people to change life-long habits of thinking and living; it is easier to "drift with the tide" or move in the old ruts. It means effort and concentration to build a new channel, but after it is built it is as easy to move in it as it was in the old and the results are always soul-satisfying and infinitely worth while.

Ill health is due to the breaking of some law, and the lessening of our vital resistance. One desiring health should, if possible, search out the cause of their trouble and conquer it or live above it, for as long as it operates its shadow will be cast in the body. We can usually trace inharmony in the body to some abnormal practice or state of mind, such as worry, fear, overwork, overindulgence along some line, overeating, wrong combinations of food and too rich foods, or too many kinds at one meal, and other causes.

When we live in harmony with Divine Law we shall always be healthy, happy, strong; bright in intellect, and keep the wisdom and knowledge that we acquire. We must live from the highest within us—the Kingdom of Heaven and its Righteousness—listen to the voice of the soul—and then we shall be led into green pastures and beside still waters, and all these things that we desire, light of countenance, joy of spirit, power to serve, shall be ours in overflowing measure.

This treatment will bring an influx of vitality to the whole system and stimulate to greater activity the eliminating organs particularly. The healing forces in the soul can be directed by our thought to any part affected. Healing is always the result of power from God, co-operating with the power within.

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Always before treating get quiet and centered for a few moments and then look up in thought or prayer to the highest, the Christ of God, the Great Healer of Mankind, and ask His blessings upon your efforts. The law is "Ask and it shall be given unto you," for that establishes the connection between you and the Source of all Power. The Christ Realm—the Realm of Benediction—is organized on the plan of love and service, and no prayer ever thought or uttered but is responded to and answered to the fullest as the conditions will permit. We may not see any tangible evidences immediately, but some deeper blessing has come and in due season we shall reap the harvest if we faint not.

"Now to Him who by the action of His power within us can do all things, aye FAR MORE THAN WE EVER ASK OR IMAGINE, to Him be glory. Eph. 3-20.

And this is the treatment: Place the finger tips of both hands on the solar-plexus or navel and speak the following words to these various organs, or whatever suitable statements may come to you.

THE BOWELS

My bowels are one with Infinite Life and Intelligence.

I am inbreathing God's resurrecting Power into every cell of my being.

The Life of God flows into my bowels and awakens the dormant energy in every part.

The Life of God increases the peristaltic action of the bowels and all waste is properly eliminated.

Life, life, life, in all its fullness, fills my body to overflowing with its quickening energy.

Life blesses every nerve and cell of my bowels with its healing power.

The Vitality of God renews the life in the whole alimentary tract.

THE KIDNEYS

My kidneys are cleansed by the purifying, living substance of God.

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Every cell is filled and thrilled with healing life.
The healing life of the Spirit flows into and restores my kidneys to perfect power and function.

My kidneys are positive in action and able to perform their duty perfectly.

THE LUNGS

My lungs are filled with the breath of life.
I praise the Divine life in my lungs.
I absorb the vital life-elements from the air and fill my body with their life-giving substance.

Through my lungs I partake of new life and power.
God's perfect Life is reflected in my lungs.

THE SKIN

My skin is vital and positive in action.
My skin is radiant with life and power.
The inflowing life of God dissolves away all inactivity from my skin.

My body, mind and Soul are now harmonized and attuned to the perfect Will of God.

I thank God for the outpouring of his Infinite Love, Wisdom and Power.

I thank God for the healing Power that is now reorganizing my body to express more perfectly his Divine Life.

I praise thee, O God, who in love never wearies, for Thou lovest always, forever and forever.

Medicine is only palliative, for back of disease lies the cause, and this cause no drug can reach.—Dr. S. Weir Mitchell.

An aspiration is a joy forever, a possession as solid as a landed estate, a fortune which we can never exhaust, and which gives us year by year a revenue of pleasurable activity. To have many of these is to be spiritually rich.—R. L. Stevenson.

Medical Astrology

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ARTICLE 2.

HERE is only one way that I can justify the death of an infant, and that is on the basis of Reincarnation, and that a Karmic debt had to be paid. The doctrine teaches that by the death of the body in infancy, or early childhood, a past debt for sin, or some great wrong in a former incarnation is the more quickly eliminated, and that in such cases an incoming Ego quickly reincarnates in another body, and possibly in the same family. Life in the body is where experience and knowledge are gained, and it does not seem to me that God would be just in foreordaining certain children to an almost sure death of their new body, in infancy, if that was the only body of flesh and blood they were to ever possess. The star map, or Figure of the Heavens, at birth, does inevitably fix the physical status and duration of life, especially with children, and if the very vibrations and natural laws that were operating over us at birth tend to fix the nature, diseases, and destiny for one life on earth, there must be a just reason for death in infancy. Some children, on the other hand, are born at times when the heavenly bodies are so harmoniously configurated that vitality and duration of life are endowed, and it is considered in metaphysical and occult circles that the child born at a fortunate time in nature, with a good temperament and prospect of health and duration of life, has been so born, as a reward for past good living, and spiritual attainment. All people may be born with equal rights before the law, but that is the only instance in which they are born equal. As to their bodies, mental possibilities, talents, prospects and general endowments, no two people are born alike in the same Age or Era, for a period of almost 26,000 years must elapse before the configuration, angles, vibrations, and influences in and

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among the heavenly bodies will be back to their same positions, and status, to produce like conditions; a like temperament and body as once existed in a past Age.

Personally, I am not in a position to verify the truth of the doctrine of Reincarnation, but it looks reasonable, and the only philosophical explanation I can find to account for the inequalities among people and their varied fates on Earth. I do not believe that reincarnation has to be a fact, or a necessity, after people become enlightened, experienced and spiritually advanced, but for those who have lived wrong, been criminals, murderers, thieves, liars; those who have lived wholly in their lower and sensuous minds; for those who are Earth-bound, and who, as yet, find little to interest them on the other side of death; for such, reincarnation must be a necessity.

Reincarnation is hinted at in the Bible in several places, but this doctrine is an Oriental doctrine, and the Christ, in instituting Christianity did not dwell much, if any, upon the necessity of Reincarnation, as so generally believed in by the Buddhists, Hindoos and others, but rather taught that this present life is a crucial time with everyone, when, by right living, right thinking, by the new birth, by overcoming sin, temptation, and the world and thus becoming a new creature, the general aim and purpose of life on Earth could be accomplished in the one life at hand, and a state of spiritual bliss and reward obtained after death, thus making reincarnation no longer necessary. The doctrines and ideals to be attained in life, and the moral and ethical codes of living, acting, and thinking, were made so high, and so advanced in the system, which the Christ instituted, known as Christianity, that, if they could be lived up to and made an inherent part in the essential character of each Ego, there would be no desire for further reincarnation in the life and evolution of such a spirit, unless life on earth again was desired from some high motive, as to be a Teacher or Helper of humanity on its upward path to the goal of attainment and perfection.

The old doctrine that "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall

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he also reap," is a law of Nature in any sphere of life or action, and certain effects will always follow certain causes in the ordinary course of events. If you are earth-bound, and at present absorbed with material and worldly things; if you are living a life of sin, debauchery and wickedness, you are sowing a certain kind of seed that will inevitably reap a similar harvest sometime and somewhere, but it is apt to be on Earth. "For he that soweth to his flesh shall of *the flesh* reap corruption" (Gal. 6:8). People can have a Hell here on Earth, as well as a Heaven. In my younger days I used to live in constant fear of the hereafter, and the Fire and Brimstone doctrine was ever held as a threat over my head for wrong doing by the Church. My study of Astrology, and the occult has led me to believe that the Bible writers had in mind the ultimate idea of reincarnation, as the one great source of punishment and further experience, until all penalties were paid, and the final stage of evolution of the Ego was reached until earth life, as such, ultimately becomes a burden, and is no longer desired, and the needed lessons are learned and the Ego, or Spirit, prefers the higher spiritual environment beyond the grave. I don't know how many bodies I may have had in the past, or how many lives I may have lived, but what I have seen and learned in this present life has been sufficient to satisfy my desire for mere earth life, as such, except to live for and be a servant of humanity; and show others the upward way, and when I get on the "Other Side" the next time I think I will stay there, and know how to stay there, and not be lingering around in the lower strata of the astral plane, hunting for other earth parents, a time and place, and with a desire to reincarnate. There are regions on Beyond that I want to explore in which I am more interested now than Earth life.

The Star map at birth practically shows the stage of your evolution, and what kind of a past you have had, and when you give an Astrologer your full birth data, as the year, month, day, hour, moment and place of birth, from which he can erect the figure of the Heavens for the time of your birth, you

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have given him the secrets of your soul so that he knows your tendencies; and the trend of your mind, whether it be down to the sensuous, or up, to the spiritual; and although you might deny your evil traits, you cannot hide them from the Astrologer, who is educated in the laws of the science. The Star map, however, only shows how you were born and the foundation upon which you are to build a superstructure. You can rise above the evils of your map, and transcend them by knowledge of yourself, by will-power, and spiritual regeneration, so that the evils will not constantly rule you, but as long as you live in this same body on earth you will have your inborn evils to contend with, although they may not predominate and rule you. But once you have gained the mastery and have learned to rule your stars, so that none of the evils of your nature no longer are a pleasure, you are well on the road to Initiation; perfection and Adeptship.

I have felt it necessary in this article to dwell somewhat at length upon the doctrine of Reincarnation, as it seems to be a vital doctrine, and one of the basic and fundamental laws back of Astrology, to explain the difference in the star maps of people, and why some are born with a weak body and fated to an early death; while others are born with strong, healthy bodies, and naturally destined to a long, prosperous and useful life. People who have been criminals in the past are usually born criminals now, and they will always reincarnate as criminals until they get tired of the business, or some one points out their weakness, and they become self-conscious of it, and determine by an act of the will to be different in the future, and also receive the help of the Higher Powers to live right. If you are not able to conquer now, and live right in this present life, you are, by your own actions now building and formulating the plan, and the kind of a body you will have in the next incarnation, and also the kind of a life you will live, and your future bodies will be as you predetermine them. If you want a healthy body, and one that will live and give you good service, then do not abuse the body you now have, and give it over

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to gluttony, debauchery, and sensuality, for you are now shaping your next star map, so that the Astrologer who might examine it in a later age would know the kind of a life you have lived in your present body. It is never too late to change your ways and rise to such high ideals and living right now in this present life, and it lies in your power to make your next map a good one, and one that will show physical, mental and spiritual power if you desire to reincarnate to help humanity, or for other reasons, or for needed experience to further round out your character. Also remember that it is the character you end up with in this life that will do much to determine your future destiny. I am now ready in my next article to take up the interpretation of the star map from the standpoint of health and disease.

(To be continued)

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THE NOBLE LIFE

True worth is in being, not seeming;
In doing each day that goes by
Some little good—not in the dreaming
Of great things to do by-and-by.

For whatever men say in blindness,
And spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.

We get back our mete as we measure;
We cannot do wrong and feel right;
nor can we give pain and gain pleasure,
For justice avenges each slight.

The air for the wings of the sparrow,
The bush for the robin and wren,
But always the path that is narrow
And strait for the children of men.

—Selected.

A PRODIGAL

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OMEWHERE I heard a story that almost parallels the story of the Prodigal Son with its beautiful lesson of Divine Providence, showing how the Father hath every soul in his loving care.

This young man, like many others, felt the lure of the big world beyond, and so he asked his father for the portion of goods that fell to his lot and started off on his long journey.

He left behind him the comforts of home, friends, and wise council, and made his way into a far country. But the father was a wise man and realizing that the son might come to want, secretly sewed some precious jewels into the folds of his robe, so that the young man might find them in the hour of need, when his substance was spent, and thus be enabled to return to his Father's house.

The young man wandered on, spending his substance in worldliness and vanity until his last farthing was gone, and he began to realize the meaning of want. Then he began to think and reason and compare. Hunger began to press upon him. He sought employment only to be turned away. Finally in this sore dilemma, almost beside himself, he began to pound his breast as people do in great trouble, as if they would pound out of the soul a solution to their problem. In doing this his hand hit upon something hard in the folds of his garment, and searching to see what it could be, he found the hidden treasure, which enabled him to make his way back again to the shelter and guiding hand of a wise and loving father. It is a beautiful lesson of the way God provides and cares for us, and it only does faint justice to the reality. It shows that the Divine Presence is ever with us, and in us, and the solution to every problem, the power to master, the wisdom and love to rise above every limitation is ever at hand. That Presence is ever

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with us no matter how far we may roam from its Kingdom of Love and Power.

In the story of the Prodigal Son we read that when the young man was returning and was still a great way off, the father saw him and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. The father was watching for him and saw him while he was a far way off. This is a beautiful lesson, dear soul of Divine Mercy and goodness. Some times we do not learn our lessons in the light, and then darkness enfolds us, and out of the darkness we grope our way to the light and learn to appreciate the blessings that come in the light.

Note, that in the state of mind the young man was in, the father could not help him. It was only as pain and darkness entered in that he began to look above or within for help, and turning his back upon the transitory and the vain, he opened his being to the father's blessings.

Let us realize that "As our days so shall our strength be," and that no problem or difficulty can arise or confront us, but what Divine Love and Wisdom can solve, and no burden so great but the Great Burden Bearer can lift. No matter what our condition, there is always a remedy, always a Power superior to it that will respond through our faith, to our earnest appeal.



THE SWEETEST LIVES

The sweetest lives are those to duty wed,
Whose deeds, both great and small,
Are close-knit strands of an unbroken thread
Where love ennobles all.
The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells,
The Book of Life the shining records tells.
Thy love shall cant its own beatitudes
After its own life-working. A child's kiss
Set on thy sighing lips shall make thee glad;
A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich;
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong;
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest.

—Elizabeth Barret Browning.

Letter No. 15

God's Sworn Covenant with King David

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IN my articles, ahead of this one, I have stated that God intends to bring the ancient King David back to earth and make him the establisher of the new Dispensation that is soon to come onto this earth. And, as the subject is new and unheard of, the evidence about it must be brought from every direction. Therefore, a *brief* history of David will help the world into an understanding of the subject.

David was the youngest son in the family. When he was a young boy he had to herd his father's sheep. He had seven older brothers.

God wanted a man to act as King over the Twelve Tribes of Israel. God had the man already picked out, but nobody knew it. So God told the prophet Samuel to go to Bethlehem and kill a heifer and offer up a sacrifice unto the Lord and invite David's father to the sacrifice, so the people, round about, would not suspicion what was going on. They would just think that the usual religious ceremony was being performed. They would never suspicion that a king was to be found and anointed; but God told Samuel to be sure to have David's father at the sacrifice. So Samuel did as the Lord directed. The heifer was killed and the sacrifice was made, and David's father was there; and Samuel said to him to bring his sons before Samuel, one at a time. So the oldest son (David's oldest brother) was brought before Samuel, but Samuel shook his head and said, "This is not the right one." So the next son was brought before Samuel, but he shook his head and said, "This is not the right one." So the next son was brought, but Samuel said, "This is not the right one." They kept on bringing the sons up till seven had passed before Samuel; but *all* of them were rejected. Then Samuel

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said, "Are these all the sons you have?" The old father (David's father) said, "No, I have another young boy, but he is out on the prairie herding the sheep." Samuel said, "Bring the boy in and have him pass before me." So they hurried out to the herd of sheep and brought the young David in and had him pass before Samuel. And God said to Samuel, "This is the man I have chosen; arise and anoint the boy with oil as the man I want to be king over Israel." So Samuel arose and anointed the boy David. And the spirit of the Lord came onto David from that hour, and he was the anointed king over Israel. See the account of it set forth in the sixteenth chapter of First Samuel. Notice how quietly it was all fixed up so as to make it secret and not let the people know what was going on. And notice that God told Samuel to be sure to have Jesse (David's father) there. God knew that he had picked on Jesse's youngest boy (David) to be king over Israel; but no one but God knew this. Even Samuel was not permitted to know it. This is why all the sons had to pass before Samuel so he could get the hint as to which son was the right one. The Lord would not tell Samuel which one was the right one till the right one would pass before Samuel. It would have been easy for God to tell Samuel to go and anoint that David boy, out there with the sheep; but God would not do it that way. He made them go through with a long trial performance with all of the other sons first. And God would reject every one of them till they came to the boy David. This teaches the world a lesson about God is not a respecter of persons. The world chews on this statement *continually*. They say, "*God is no respecter of persons.*" They find this statement in the Bible and they harp on it *continually* without knowing what it means. It does not mean at all what people *think* it does. This case of rejecting all of David's older brothers (seven of them) and choosing David, the last one, shows that God *is* a respecter of persons and don't treat all people alike. This principle is shown in Abraham's case, too. Why pick out Abraham as a special man for a special purpose?

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Why did not God pick out *everybody* and make *all* of them into Abrahams? Why select just one man and pay no attention to all other men around Abraham? And why did God pick out Noah and his family and put them into the ark and save *them* from the flood and let all *other* people go down? "God is no respecter of persons," you say. He treats all alike, you say. And why did Christ pick out just twelve men to act as Apostles and let all *other* men alone? Why not make all men Apostles, as God is no respecter of persons, you say. And why did God choose Isaac to be the Elect seed and leave all of Abraham's other sons untouched? God is no respecter of persons, you say. Why select just one son as a specialty and leave all the *other* sons of Abraham untouched? Abraham had several other sons besides Isaac. Why not make *all* of them the Elect seed? Why select the man Jesus to be the Christ and the establisher of the New Age? Why not let *everybody* be the Christ? God is no respecter of persons, you say. Why select Jeremiah to be a special prophet to do a special work? Why not let *everybody* be it? God is no respecter of persons, you say. And, yet, God selected Jeremiah before he was born. See Jeremiah 1:5. How can you get around these cases and many others set forth in the Bible? Why did God select Moses before he was born and hide him away from the officers who were going around killing babies? Other babies were not hidden out to protect them. God is no respecter of persons, you say; so why did God fix a plan to save Moses from the killing officers while *other* babies were left to the slaughter? What can you say to these things? Why did God select Joseph as a specialty and leave eleven other brothers untouched? Why not select *all* of them and treat all alike? Why make Joseph the Ruler over Egypt and force all the other eleven brothers to come under Joseph and eat out of his hand! Why not treat all alike, as God is no respecter of persons, you say. I could mention many more cases in the Bible to show that God is a respecter of persons. Christ says, "There shall be two women grinding at a mill,

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one will be selected and the other one left." Why not select both, as God is no respecter of persons, you say. And Christ says, "There shall be two in a bed, *one* will be selected and the other one left." Why not select both and treat them all alike? How can you answer these things?

Now take up David's case and go on further with it. After he was anointed, that day, as King, God made a speech about it. Here is what God said:

' Now, therefore, say unto my servant David, I took thee from the sheepcote from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people Israel, and I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and I, the Lord, have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight and have made thee a great name like the name of great men of earth.—II Samuel 7:8, 9.

This is God's *first* speech to David, telling him the situation. Then, afterward, God made *another* and still *stronger* statement to David and *swore* to it, which means that the statement was to stand forever and *never* come to an end. Whenever God *swears* to a thing it means that it is to go on forever and never come to an end. But when God does or *says* a thing and don't swear to it He intends that it shall last for a time only and then *quit*. This is an important point to remember, as a *few* things in the Bible are sworn to by God, which means that they are *permanent* and are to go on forever; while many other things in the Bible are *not* sworn to, therefore, they are for a *time* only, and then they are to quit. This is a great point for everybody to remember, as people *think* that whatever God says is permanent and goes on forever. Not always so. It depends on whether God has *sworn* to it or not. This point must always be noticed; and St. Paul discusses it in the seventh chapter of Hebrews, about the Aaron Priesthood. Paul says it was not a permanent thing and it came to its end because it was not sworn to by God. Therefore, God never intended for the Aaron Priesthood to go on forever. It was for a *time* only. Therefore, God did not *swear* to it. See Paul's discussion of it in Hebrews 7, commencing at verse 11. Paul says the Priests came on and died and *others* took their place because they were made Priests

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without an oath. And, finally, the whole thing quit because it was never intended to be a *permanent* priesthood. But Paul says the Melchisadec Priesthood was sworn to and is to go on *forever*; and God made Jesus Christ a Priest after the order of Melchisadec and *not* of the Aaron Priesthood. They were widely different. The Aaron Priesthood was for a time only and was *not* sworn to by God. But the Melchisadec Priesthood was to stand forever, therefore God swore to it; and Jesus Christ was made a Priest of the Melchisadec kind. This oath of God attached to things is an important point to watch so we can see what things are intended by God to be *permanent* and what things are intended to be for a time only and then *quit*. This oath matter is the important point to watch. Jesus was sworn to as a Priest of the Melchisadec kind. This makes Jesus stand forever as such a Priest. He is never to come to an end because he is sworn to by God. Here is the iron-bound oath of God making Jesus a Melchisadec Priest forever:

GOD'S OATH ON JESUS

The Lord swears and will not repent nor take it back, Thou (Jesus) art made a Priest forever after the order of Melchisadec.—Hebrews 7:21.

So this oath of God puts Jesus into the Melchisadec Priesthood *forever*. No end to it because of the *oath* attached to it. But the Aaron kind of priesthood was not sworn to by God, therefore it came to an end and quit long ago.

Abraham was sworn to as the Father of an Elect Nation called Israel; therefore it is to go on *forever*. Abraham's fatherhood is to stand forever. It was a permanent thing. And this is why the old Israelite Nation is to come on again as the Elect Nation. It is a thing that has no end. It never dies or quits because it is sworn to by God. And this is stated *positively* by Jeremiah as follows:

Thus saith the Lord, Fear not, O, my servant Jacob, nor be dismayed, O Israel, for I will save thee from afar and thy seed from all lands, and Israel shall return (to Palestine) and shall be quiet and

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at rest and none shall make thee afraid; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee; though I will make a full end of all *other* nations I will *not* make a full end of thee.—Jeremiah 30:10, 11.

This tells it. All *other* nations are to go down and quit, but Israel is to go on *forever*, because God swore to it to Abraham. Abraham's fatherhood is never to come to an end because God *swore* to it. And this point is stated again, in different words, by the Prophet Amos, as follows:

Hear the word that the Lord speaketh of you, O Israel. You *only* have I known, of all the families of the earth.—Amos 3:1, 2.

Do you see the oath of God sticking fast to the family of Israel? God says, here, "I have not made myself known to any other family or race of people but Israel." How do the people explain this away when they are saying that God is no respecter of persons? Why should God pick out just *one* family or race and stick to them and let all other people go down? How do you explain this away? God says here that of all the families of the earth He has known none but Isreal; and He says that He intends to make a *full end* of all other nations and races, but that He will *not make* a full end of Israel. What are you going to do with these iron statements? I am pushing this iron doctrine onto the world because *God* has said it and has made it known to me; and He has made me His Messenger to lay it before the world that Israel is to come on again and stand forever, as the Kingdom of God on earth, with David as the King. And that Jerusalem shall be the Capital of the world; and Palestine is to be raised up out of its desolated condition and is to bloom and blossom as the rose; and Jerusalem is commanded to "rise, shine and put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, for your Light of God shall come." You see what is set to come onto Palestine because God *swore* to the land that it should be a place for Abraham's seed forever. The iron oath of God sticks fast to the land, forever. And the oath of God sticks fast to Abraham forever. And the iron oath of God sticks fast to Jesus as a Priest of the Melchisadec kind forever. And God swore to

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King David that he should be God's first-born to inherit the kingship of earth forever. God said David should be considered as God's first-born child so he could inherit the kingship according to the ancient law that made the oldest son the inheritor of the throne always. This law is still in full swing all over Europe. The oldest son always inherits the throne. This is why God swore to David that *he* should be considered God's oldest son so as to inherit the earth throne forever. And God swore that David should always be a king higher than the *other* kings of earth. And St. Paul understood this subject about the elect family of Israel, and that *they* are to be God's leaders and rulers and teachers and be God's representatives in every way. And Paul wrote it all out for us, but the world has never caught one idea of the understanding of it. Paul says Israel is to get every thing in God's plan. And this is exactly what I am teaching; and I have the whole Bible backing me up in the teaching. Now hear Paul tell it just as I teach it:

PAUL'S STATEMENT

I could wish myself accursed for my brethren, my kinsmen after the flesh, who are Israelites to whom pertaineth the adoption and the glory and all the covenants of God and the giving of the Law of God and all the service of God and all the promises of God.—Romans 9:3, 4.

Just notice how strong and how very *exclusive* this is for the Israel family. It says Israel is God's adopted family. They get the *adoption*, Paul says. And he says they get *all* the covenants of God. And Israel is to do all the *service* of God. They do the religious work and attend to all the service or work of God on this earth. And Paul says Israel gets all the promises of God. Just *think* of this sweeping statement. It covers every thing. It says Israel gets every thing and is to do all the service of God on this earth. No *other* race is in it *at all*. No other family gets any of the promises of God because Israel gets all the promises of God. And it don't mean any "*spiritual* Israel," as people want to make it out that anybody who believes in God is a spiritual Israel whether they have any of Israel blood in them or not. No. It don't mean

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anything but actual flesh and blood Israel. And St. Paul presses this point on us by saying that he is talking about his "*kinsmen after the flesh*," who are genuine Israelites. Paul clinches this point by saying "my kinsmen after the flesh who are Israelites." And he says they get it *all*. Nobody else gets anything. Go back and read Paul's statement over and over and see how perfectly clinching he makes it. It will *shock* the world to see and realize what Paul says on this point. The world has never seen it, and refuses to believe it when I teach it. The world always jumps up on its hind feet and comes at me with froth in its mouth and flings into my face the old thread-bare phrase that "God is no respecter of persons," and, therefore He chooses all people alike. But the cases I am introducing here clearly upset all such ideas. And this statement of Paul's is the iron clincher that the flesh and blood Israel are to get it *all*. And God says "Though I will make a full end of all *other* nations and races, I will *not* make a full end of thee, O Israel; but I will save thee and return thee to your home-land of Palestine, and ye shall be quiet and nobody can make you afraid." See Jeremiah 30: 10, 11. It is *another* iron clincher like Paul's clincher; and I could go on and on with iron clinchers on this point. Look at St. John's statement. He saw visions and heard the Voice of God speaking, and this is what John heard out of the mouth of God:

And I heard the number that were *sewed* unto God, a hundred and forty-four thousand of the twelve tribes of Israel.—Revelation 7:4.

And John goes on to name the twelve tribes. And he says that twelve thousand are to come out of each literal tribe. No "spiritual Israel" about it, but the genuine flesh and blood Israel. Why so? Because God *swore* to it to Abraham. That oath of God always sticks fast, forever. No end to it. Remember this point when I introduce the oath of God put on King David.

GOD'S SWORN COVENANT MADE WITH KING DAVID ABOUT 1050 B.C.

I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: With whom my hand shall be established; mine arm also shall

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strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him; and in my name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my first-born, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His throne shall endure forever, as the sun, before me. It shall be established forever, as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. And I will never take my loving kindness from him nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. I will make his throne as the days of heaven. I have made a covenant with my chosen. I have sworn unto David my servant. I will build up his throne to all generations. I have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have laid help upon one who is mighty. I have found David, my servant; with my holy oil I have anointed him.—Psalms 89.

Notice the positive points in this iron covenant. It says that God will beat down David's foes and that enemies shall not exact off of David. That the covenant shall stand fast on David forever and never be altered nor changed. That God has sworn by His holiness, never to lie to David nor fail in His promises. Of course not, as God never lies. That God intends to exalt David. That David is anointed to be the establisher of the new Dispensation. That God has made David His first-born, which means that David is to inherit the Kingdom of this earth, just as the first-born son always inherits the throne in Europe. This custom is still going on in all European countries. This is why God words it up this way, that David is to be considered as the first-born son so he can inherit the earth throne. And it says that David is to be higher than the kings of earth, which means that he is to be *over* other kings. This is confirmed by the Prophet Isaiah, who says that God has ordained David to call the new, elect nation together, and that *other* nations shall come under David. See Isaiah 55:3-6. And see Jeremiah 30:9, which says that the people shall serve David their King, whom God will raise up

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unto them. And Hosea 1:11 says the people are to appoint themselves "One Head," and several prophecies tell *who* the "One Head" is to be. They say it is to be David.

This whole David subject is carefully laid out, all through the Bible, and God is now fixing to bring it to pass. And this is the *sole* and *only* cause of the present upheavals, all over the world. It is God turning things around so the New Dispensation can come on; and no amount of political fixing can change things, as God is pushing His plans right through, and all who stand in the way will be run over and swept down.

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A vision of the future arises. I see a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust. The aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth.

I see a world without a slave. Man at last is free. Nature's forces have by science been enslaved. Lightning and light, wind and waves, frost and flame, and all the subtle powers of the earth and air are the tireless toilers for the human race.

I see a world at peace, adorned with every form of art, with music's myriad voices thrilled, while lips are rich with words of love and truth; a world in which no exile sighs, no prisoner mourns; a world on which the gibbet's shadow does not fall; a world where labor reaps its full reward, where work and worth go hand in hand.

I see a world without the beggar's outstretched palm, the miser's heartless, stony stare, the piteous wail of want, the livid lips of lies, the cruel eyes of scorn.

I see a race without disease of flesh or brain—shapely and fair, married harmony of form and function—and, as I look, life lengthens, joy deepens, love canopies the earth; and over all in the great dome shines the eternal star of faith.—*Robert Ingersoll*.

The Science of Names and Numbers

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CHAPTER TWO

SYMBOLISM OF NUMBERS

Continued

The circle and the line together make the figure nine, the reverse of six. Here we find the circle pierced by the up-reaching creative power. At nine the cycle is complete and man, One, reaches upward again into the void, to enter another plane, and take there again his nine degrees. Here at nine the completed circle is stopped by the up-pointing one. As at five, there is here call for decision.

The gravitation of the down-sweep, the friendliness of the path which his own feet have made smooth, the call of the accustomed and the known, the fears of the vastness and the unknown, all combine to swing man downward along the already trodden path of the cycle he has completed. And here, if he miss the import of his summons, here if he fail of the co-operation he must give, then his degrading is more terrible than at five, for he carries down with him the knowledge from the temple, and the stored-up powers of eight. Here man either lifts above limitation, or hangs himself in the noose of his own making.

From this point, at nine, at the zenith, consciousness may look both ways. The up-reaching self becomes detached from the forms and the concerns of the cycle finished, and when this detachment is fully accomplished man finds himself rising at his own zenith, there to begin at the higher, one, and make his journey again.

At nine, there is not only danger of down-swing, but there is danger of a stop, a balancing and a resting, instead of answering to the new inrush of power and swinging up. Zero at the left of one is meaningless, and so all the values of the completed circle are meaningless if they come to rest at the place

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of the starting to the left of the One, to merge into the values of the One of the transversed cycle. Only in passing one, nine finds itself at ten. The completed circle is beyond the One of the start. The potentialities of that One are augmented, and it lifts and the new spiral is reached.

So consciousness slips the noose of the old round and the new Adam, One, stands again at the top of his path.

The completeness of nine is indicated in many curious ways mathematically, as, for instance, no matter how often added to itself or how multiplied, the sum of its eight digits remains nine. Nine, taken three times, is twenty-seven; seven, plus two, are nine. Twelve nines are one hundred and eight; eight and naught and one are nine. Nine is the square of three, or represents completeness on all three planes. Man thus satisfies divine consciousness on all three planes and so completes his cycle.

Nine is sacred because from it divinity emerges; four and one and four. Perfection and completeness in the material and the physical of *this cycle* and deity between, up-reaching into its still undifferentiated void. 4+1+4.

As at five, here is indicated change, a passing from one order to another. While at five, the swing to and fro in experience, accomplished at last a new unity, so here standing at the apex, universality is accomplished. The three trinities included in nine suggested the ancient mythology of the Three Graces, Three Fates, Three Furies. The Nine Muses of the Greeks attend the completed artists. Nature speaks her solemn endorsement of the symbology her priests have taken from her teaching, in the light of the altars they have tended and still forever tend. The sacred spark of eternal spirit comes to completed incarnation in the nine months cradling of the womb, emerging into conscious life, a One, a new Adam to again traverse nine degrees of development and be again cast forth from the womb of material experience into a newly conscious round.

When nine is attained, humanity has become universal.

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Human love lifts to merge with the divine, the impersonal. Desires and individual will translate into the law and order by which the cosmos swings. The candidate for the final or ninth initiation of ancient sacred orders was taught that fear menaced him. That every conquered evil here roused again to bar his entrance. Fear is fundamentally a sense of limitation, and at nine it attacks man, because here he arrives at the wall of himself, at that wall through which he long ago forced opening. All the potential of that self is satisfied, its limit reached. In coming to this wall, man faces limitation unless by new illumination of will he escapes it. Here he arrives at a abandoned temple; its iron doors are closed, and the altars of its refuge cannot be reached. He must realize that his journey has kindled the fires of his own soul and, turning there, seek the sacred flame and by its light see his lifting pathway transcend limitation.

We live in a three dimensional world—length, breadth and depth enclose us. Past, present and future limit us. Birth, life and death complete us. Yet, these three threes of limitation are resolved into the freedom of the unenclosed vastness of space, the forever widening circle of eternity and the translation forever of death into new form of life. The square then of limitation is freedom, Nine.

Ten is combination of zero and one. Mathematically, zero here enters into its function of combination with the nine digits. That symbology on which the science of Numbers is based finds the complete circle here combined with the straight line. That line which first developed within the circle has now attained separateness and individuality and stands free of the enclosing limitation. So standing, it takes new value. The bisecting line has riven the circle, which has fallen away even as the cotyledons fall away from the uprising stem. The circle which stands besides the perfected One is that of the new void, into which the One penetrates. Here indeed is symbolized the creative act, for the completed One is but a channel for the uprush of eternal creative principle into the void. There

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in that womb of the undifferentiated is received the fecundating spark of life, the projection of the spirit from the old forms from which it escapes. Again, the scintilla, with which we dealt in the beginning of our study, the dot in the circle, the nucleus, the foetus of which will be new birth.

It has been the purpose of this chapter briefly to suggest the origin of the science by tracing its relationship to mathematics. Mathematics and the Science of Numbers are both established upon the laws of geometry. We have intended at the same time to suggest the phenomena of nature as the source and demonstration of symbology. The fundamental fact of vibration has been stated, and its potency to build, tear down and influence has been briefly indicated as the power that operates through numbers. The completer meanings of numbers applied in the Science of Numbers is yet to be made clear, but all are built upon the symbologies here indicated.

Fruits of the Spirit

"Not by might nor by power, but my Spirit saith the Lord of Host."
—Zech. 4:6

Rochester, Pa.—I haven't words to tell you how I enjoy your blessed weekly lessons. I certainly feel lifted up when reading them. I sleep so much better than before the treatments. My nerves are much better also. I have such joy in feeling such precious souls are helping me on in the new way of life. May our blessed Master give you a fresh touch.

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I. M. C. 12-31-20.

Tiffin, Ohio—every new lesson gives us a greater spiritual uplift. It is coming much more forceful. I realize that the element of life is love, and there is not one person in one hundred that can travel the road of life in the human machine without a proper understanding, and we must be directed by those that understand the spiritual nature of the human organism. Your teaching is the Truth. It is our duty and pleasure to study and bless, and to practice love. Every one of your beautiful lessons give Truth. My memory has improved very much, and the pain in the left side of body is so much relieved. It is such a grand, noble work you are doing. God bless you.

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MRS. M. E. S. 12-10-20.

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Los Angeles, Calif.—I am much better than when I wrote you. My hemorrhoids are better and piles much better, and mentally much better, so much more hopeful, with a strong desire to help and uplift humanity. I enjoy the lessons very much. Thanking you for the help you have given me.

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MRS. A. M. 12-20-20.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—Yes, my eyes are better. I can read your letter, and that I could not do when I wrote to you. I am sending money for more treatments. The oculist at the last examination said that they had improved. Truly yours for your great success for the Master.

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E. R. E. 12-7-20.

Corona, Calif.—I certainly have cause to be thankful, for I am enjoying better health than I have for a long, long time. I have also received just recently a nice increase in salary, and my financial difficulties are gradually clearing up, which all shows that your prayers to the Almighty Father are being answered. I am enclosing money order for further service, and may God bless it a hundred-fold.

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MR. W. J. O. 12-20-20.

Los Angeles, Calif.—This is to acknowledge and to thank you for the benefit I have derived from your efforts in my behalf the past month. I was conscious when you received my letter, and I felt a wonderful uplift and realization of Life. I want to tell you that I have just passed through the first normal period that I have had for four or five years. I am enclosing a dollar for another month of the Ministry. With the best wishes for your success and happiness.

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L. W. S. 12-22-20.

Salem, W. Va.—I must say I think the lessons you are sending me are doing me good. I am studying them each day, and certainly enjoy them. My eye I see with seems to be stronger, and the other one that the cataract was removed from seems to have bright lights come before it at times, but can't see with it yet, but I have not given up faith but what in time I will have perfect sight in it. I am repeating the affirmation you sent me many times a day.

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MRS. C. A. P. 12-30-20.

Brownsville, Texas—God bless you as I do every minute. You have been my comforter and help with my girl. It is going to be one year next month since you started treating her, and I have been blessed through you, because she is so much better, healthy, cheerful, and has learned what I supposed could never be done. I want you to go on treating her this year too, so she will be able to pass another grade.

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MRS. H. C. S. 12-30-20.

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San Diego, Calif.—Please find enclosed money for my treatments for this month. I am lots better and am gaining in weight. We have been very successful since you have been helping me.

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MRS. L. L. 1-4-21.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Many thanks for the beautiful lessons. I get so much help from them, so glad to tell you that my spirit is awakening to the Truth, and I am getting better health every day.

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E. D. 1-12-21.

Boston, Mass.—Please continue the Ministry Service for me another month. I have noticed a great improvement both in myself and affairs this last month. Thank you very much for your wonderful help and inspiration, and with every good wish for your continued success and prosperity.

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E. A. B. 1-4-21.

Lodi, Ohio—Enclosed please find money for another month's treatment for my husband and myself. The marked improvement in us both is wonderful. I am studying sincerely, though time is limited.

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MRS. M. S. D. 1-17-21.

Charleston, S. C.—Enclosed is eight dollars for the next month's Service for my seven children and myself. My daughter says she has felt benefited by the Ministry. I do love to get the Lessons in Truth, and am anxious to see the next one, as the week rolls on. I am more prosperous than I was. My other daughter is back from her auto trip and thank you all so much for helping her. Maybe some day I will be able to pay you what is due you.

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Mrs. V. S., Octo. 8, 1920.

Webb City, Mo.—I am writing to thank you for the four lessons and the one month's Ministry Service. The lessons are beautiful and have helped me very much. I think the Aquarian Age is a wonderful little magazine and thank you so much for the two copies you sent me. You have my daily prayers for your continued advancement in every way.

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Mrs. W. R. G., Oct. 26, 1920.

Newark, N. Y.—Enclosed find the regular monthly fee for the Service for both myself and my mother. I am benefiting steadily, surely. My faith and hope are stronger than ever before and I am learning to concentrate more readily.

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Mrs. R. L. L., Nov. 28, 1920.

Kansas City, Mo.—The benefits are coming so surely. I am so happy. I am going to ask you to help my father. My liver still needs help and I just need more, for you have helped me so spiritually. The lessons are just wonderful. With love for the big good you do.

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life, turning all to bitterness and woe.

I will affirm the GOOD OMNIPRESENT,
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thought-children are educated into the true,
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"And He sent His word and healed them."

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men."—John 1:1-5.

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Let Your Light Shine!

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IN the first few chapters of *Les Miserables* is pictured the transformation of Jean Valjean. How little people in general, who read this great book, realize what transpired on the spiritual and soul planes between this convict and the Bishop Myriel. When we bear the Christ Light within we are always blessing wherever we go, and helping and healing other souls, though often unconscious of the process ourselves. But this story gives a wonderful illustration of the power one soul has over another. It shows the unawakened divinity in this convict responding to the light in the great soul, the Bishop Myriel. We have all noticed how a live coal in the hearth, nestling up against a dead one, will communicate its fire to the dead coal, and it too will begin to glow. This is exactly what takes place between a soul aglow with the Fire Divine and a soul unawakened to its slumbering divinity. It imparts to others its own soul light. It transmits its own powers and qualities. It inspires a new vision. It gives of its own awakened glory that the other also may shine. No greater joy is there than this. In giving we do not diminish our store or our individuality, but build greater. Selfishness dwarfs a soul, but love enlarges it. "He that shall lose his life shall find it."

When a soul incarnates, its glory is veiled, it falls asleep as it were, and only a small fraction of its hidden powers come into manifestation in contact with its new environment, but larger and greater areas can be awakened by knowing and living the truth. The fact that we have lived before, either here or in some other sphere, and have spent long periods in the

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Spiritual worlds between lives, and have all the memories and the unfolded powers of this great past locked in the secret chambers of the soul, shows how little of what we really are, we are conscious of, or express. If the soul has builded well here, it attains to a higher spiritual plane than previously, when leaving the body, but if it has gone into bypaths against its inner promptings it will be detained on lower planes until it has retraced its steps and made good.

All souls are not equal. They are in all stages of growth or unfoldment. The same possibilities are open to all, but each manifests only what he has appropriated and builded into expression through struggle with existence, aspiration and the effort to reach and pattern after higher and nobler ideals. One can make great strides forward in soul-unfoldment through consecration and devotion, but few are willing to sever their contacts that bind them to the more material.

Souls come into life who manifest the ear-marks of genius along some line even from early childhood. They have these powers because they have builded them in the past, either here or in some other sphere. Emerson said, "One world at a time for me." We grow step by step and do not jump from soul-infancy to Masters and Gods at a bound as some would have us believe. The fact that no one has made this leap, even after years of faithful effort, shows the all-permanency of the great law of Growth, which operates on all planes of life. If we were all-perfect now, finished products, we would all be alike, or else it would be easy for us to throw aside this mantle of limitations in which our perfection is obscured, and walk in living splendor.

The soul germ with its small beginning has unlimited possibilities of growth before it. It can grow like the tiny acorn into the magnificent oak, with wide-swing branches, with the exception that the oak is limited, while the soul can expand to encompass Infinity.

The soul can be awakened in its whole subconscious area, while incarnate, but it requires tremendous intensive training

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and the help of masters from the invisible side of life. The soul of this Myriel was largely awakened and invested with great power as the result of his benevolent work. He exerted a powerful influence for good in every one he met and stimulated the highest and best in them toward expression. Let your light shine, the world needs it. All the progress the world has made has been due to a few souls letting the Christ light in them shine forth. Nothing is more contagious, and nothing is more needed in the world today.

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

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The Science of Names and Numbers

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CHAPTER FIVE

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GHE Ancients meditated upon Symbols to convey abstract ideas which did not find a medium of expression through the study of mere words. Thus Symbology was much more profound than the mere alphabet which came into use after man became cruder in his soul life, and no longer communicated through thought transference.

Geometrical symbols and numbers were very closely associated as was demonstrated in the two former articles, and it is from this source that the modern exponents of this Science have evolved an interpretation of the Numbers from one to nine, which is characteristic of them wherever they are used. Many people believe that the definitions given to each of the numbers are merely arbitrary, and are therefore unreliable as a means of analysis, but a careful study of Number Symbology will indicate the relationship which is found not only in Geometry but throughout all nature.

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To Summarize: We found that all life begins with the dot in the center of the circle or the nucleus of the cell, and it is from this point in the naught or zero of mathematics that figure one evolves. Extend this dot into space and we have a straight line or figure one. This, in Biology, is called the primitive streak, and is the forerunner of the spinal column. In plant life it is the stalk and the root, which springs from the tiny dark spot in the seed or the dot in the middle of the circle. It is the spinal column that enables one to stand erect, just as the stem and the root form the upright of the plant.

Thus Number One, because of this similarity, is associated with erectness, uprightness, individualization and Oneness. Therefore, we give it the characteristics of this association, that of the pioneer, the forerunner, the leader, the originator, the creator, the Self. Those who possess this number are very independent, individualized and have the courage of their convictions. They have little respect for rules and authority, and can be appealed to only through their reason. They are creative, but plan better than they execute. Just as the plant has a force which impels it to break its surrounding husk and push up through the obstacles of the earth, so these people seem to thrive on opposition and to be somewhat combative. For this reason we often find them espousing an unpopular cause. Number 1 stands upright and apart from every other number, although it is also an integral part of each digit, so these people are the same, they are in the world but not of it, exclusive, but with a strong note of Unity.

Number Two is two straight lines, or Number One reproduced. The two cotyledons put forth by the plant indicate the next step in its evolution. The Pythagoreans spoke of Number Two as the number of audacity, because it was the first to depart from Divine Unity. Thus, it is a reflection of Number One, its shadow, as it were. Duality is strongly expressed here, Number One representing the Creative, or Male principle, and Number Two the receptive, or female principle. We have,

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therefore, found that those who have this number in their make-up are just the opposite of Number One. They are receptive, quiet, always wait for the opinions of others before expressing their own, peaceful, very domestic, maternal, do not like to take the lead, have little initiative, tactful, reflective, a human question mark, always seeking knowledge, introspective, natural mediators, intuitive.

Number Three is symbolized as a third line connecting two radii, or the first geometrical figure, the triangle. This represented the Deity in three-fold expression, Spirit, Mind and Matter. This symbolized divine love, completeness, expression or manifestation. Only in translation can matter body bring forth spirit, thus three indicates perfection of creation. Thus, Number Three signifies perfection, and those who have this number in their make-up demand perfection from themselves and others. For this reason they are often inclined to be critical. They desire to express themselves through art, music, adornment, and writing. They often exaggerate because the mind works rapidly and they have great breadth of vision. They are so versatile and interested in so many projects that often they are not profound, and dissipate their energies. They are lovers of happiness, sunshine and good cheer and do not worry. They are able to conduct several lines of effort at the same time.

Number Four is symbolized by the square, the cube, the anvil upon which man must beat out the spark divine from the material of himself. The idea of sacrifice is inherent in four, because ancient altars were rough cubes, upon which was kindled the flame and consumed the sacrifice. This is a material number, and associated with it is the idea of sacrifice and service. Those who have Number Four in their make-up are materialistic and demand proofs of soulful truths. They are the plodders, the workers, those who love details and are exact, methodical, and tenacious of purpose. They prefer the useful to the ornamental, are studious, intellectual and the "Marthas, troubled about many things."

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Number Five is symbolized by the pentacle, the geometrical emblem of man, his head in the heavens, his hands outstretched to receive and dispense, his feet spread and firmly planted upon the earth. The five-pointed star in ancient times was the symbol of magic. Its reversal, the point downward and the two points upward, signified black magic. Many secret societies use this symbol, and through the ignorance of the jeweler, the star is often mounted in this manner, and it should not be permitted, as the emblem loses its meaning of truth when the point is reversed. The five senses are strongly developed in those who possess this number, and for that reason one is either true to his higher nature or seeks self-gratification. This number signifies new life, inspiration, the Christ consciousness. Here the creative powers are stirred on all planes, but they are sometimes only used for worldly indulgences. These people are fond of travel and change, and because nothing is permanent under this force, these people are crucified by the experiences which force them to grow into bigger things. They love mystery in all things, and are interested in scientific and occult studies, and are mystics.

Number Six is symbolized as a double interwoven triangle which makes the six-pointed star, or the hexagon. This, in ancient times, symbolized man and woman or marriage. Thus, Number Six has been associated with work, domesticity and industry. The bees, ants and wasps, the most industrious creatures in the insect world, are six segmented and have three pairs of legs. Those who possess this number are cosmic fathers and mothers, who often have as much love for another's child as for their own. These people assume responsibilities for the family and the community, and for dependent humanity. They are honest, reliable, loyal and conscientious, and have a marked faculty of imparting their knowledge to others. Since this number is twice three, they also possess many of the characteristics of that number, but in a more practical sense.

Number Seven is symbolized by the addition of the dot to the

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center of the hexagon, thus suggesting creation or divinity, cradled in matter and fecundation anew of the central point or scintilla. All through sacred literature, Number Seven has been regarded with reverence and mystery. It signifies rest, poise, the Sabbath day, worship, the "Seven Ages of Man." The physical cycle of every individual is computed in sevens, for man is a seven-fold being, renewing his cellular construction every seven years. His body is composed of layers of skin, seven in number. Even his allotted time to live is three-score years and ten or 70, a multiple of 7. Those who possess this number like to rest, meditate, to worship and be alone. They are fond of nature and quiet places. They live much in the subjective realms and have little understanding of objective life. They are deep wells of wisdom, which the seeker must discover. They are intuitive, and it is difficult to penetrate their being.

Number Eight is symbolized by the octagon, and again by two circles interlaced or emerging one from the other. Eight is four plus four, or equality and balance. This number was associated with evolution or progression. There was some inflow of divine truths into the material four, so that those who possess this number are more interested in soulful truths and less sceptical than those under four, of which it is composed. Justice, balance, wisdom, success in material matters, all are a part of this force.

Number Nine is symbolized by the nine-pointed star, or three interlaced triangles or perfection manifesting on the three planes of soul, body and mind. This was the figure of initiation into the mysteries of a higher life or the door. Here the nine again meets the one and is to manifest the ten, or man complete, or the beginning of a super humanity. Those who possess this number are universal in love, desire perfection of the arts and sciences and are selfless. They have strong emotions which they must use in the right direction, for, as in five, there is a great need to live constructively, to have the courage to penetrate into higher realms and not follow the path that their feet

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have made smooth, the broad and luring road that leads to destruction. Fear is the great demon that these people must face and conquer. They can truly say, "Not my will but thine be done." They are the great humanitarians, the leaders of the Brotherhood of Man.

Thus we conclude the first nine digits and all other numbers are produced from these nine in combination, but are reduced in this system by addition to a single digit. Fourteen is composed of one and four, but reduced to a digit by adding them to each other, thus, one plus four equals five. It is stated that the number system of Pythagoras employed numbers into the hundredths, which, of course, made it very intricate and almost unintelligible to the lay mind. Many teachers today use numbers beyond the nine to signify higher states of consciousness. I know of one system that uses them to thirty-one, and another to sixty-three, and while it is true that these give us a finer understanding of life and its interpretation, we need only consider the nine for our present study.



The grand essentials to happiness in this life are, something to do, something to love, and something to hope for.

ANON.

Life is made up, not of great sacrifices and duties, but of little things, in which smiles and kindnesses and small obligations, given habitually, are what win and preserve the heart and secure comfort.

SIR HUMPHREY DAVY.

Let us beware of losing our enthusiasm. Let us ever glory in something, and strive to attain our admiration for all that would ennoble, and our interest in all that would enrich and beautify our life.

PHILLIPS BROOKS.

Happiness must be earned, like other good things, else it cannot be held. It can be deserved only where its price has been somehow paid. Nothing worth having is given away in this world—nor in any other that we know of. No one rides deadhead on the road to happiness. He who tries to do so, never reaches his destination. He is left in the dumps.

DAVID STARR JORDAN.

Extracts from the Mystic Road

EIGHTH LETTER

WILL LEVINGTON COMFORT

 HAVE set out to prove that the inner quest, far as it seems from life in America today, is the key to all that is great in the arts and romance, the talisman for the quest of happiness. There are the paths of the Head and the Heart. The occultist refines his intellect to the point of utmost delicacy before the perception of the larger consciousness dawns upon him. To refine the intellect, the occultist finds it necessary to begin upon the mastery of his body. Somewhat upon the ordering of his life in the flesh, depends the poise and potency of his thinking organism. He cultivates attention, memory, concentration, tensile strength of faculty, until he reaches the point when chemistry becomes alchemy, astronomy becomes astrology, physics, metaphysics. This arrival is quite as inevitable as the lift of the airplane from its wheels to its wings when a certain speed is attained.

The road of the mystic is the road of the heart. The mystic contemplates where the occultist concentrates; the mystic realizes while the occultist analyzes; the mystic turns to the innermost and uppermost and finds them one; the occultist patiently discerns his god in the outermost, in the nethermost, and makes no mistake. The first adores a star, the second scrutinizes a clod; neither is more right than the other; the greater each, the more he reveres and needs the other for being that which he is not—as man to woman. In fact, mystic and occultist should work together like a well-mated pair, in which the man learns the secret of life from the woman's heart and tells it back to her brain.

Ours is the mystic road, and such of course, is the temper of these Letters. We read occultism, but the unfoldings of our inner life, the source of our strength to endure with serenity such days as these in the world, the grace to perform our tasks and prepare for greater tasks, now that the warrior passes and the workman comes again—for us these are from the doctrines of the heart.

You understand that meditation is the way out of the prison-house of self. All amusements and performances are to forget the self, to lose the sense of time and space, the numbing constriction of the here and now; the same is the drive of our zeal for books and plays and friends, for all rushing to and fro. The time comes when we turn screaming from the external and look within.

Release from the pain comes from within; life and light and love and inspiration and heroism and mastery—all from within. It is only

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by a correspondence within that we can perceive and become cognizant of anything without. Our culture is a continual tallying of the within with the without. If we had not light within, we could not endure the light from without.

Man is a little cosmos, but it is only his body which is relative to the earth. Other spheres of the cosmos also have their centers within. Through the awakening and unfolding of these centers, literally, the cosmic consciousness dawns.

I join with you in the great and splendid laugh of it all. We apprehend air, water, fire and earth, because of such our bodies are made, but with greater zest we find that we are made of star-stuffs and celestial ethers: that we are dynamic centers of wisdom, love and action. The body of flesh is but the borderland of our Province. Deep within is the Sacred City; deeper still, the Square, the Palace, the Throne-room, the Throne, the King Himself. Through the inner quest we pass, step by step, until at last we are face to face with—Ourselves. Many of us are confined to the outposts of our borders. We have hardly heard that there is a Capital—much less, a King Himself.

As we awaken the centers within through the ministry of meditation, we quicken our lives to greater voltage throughout. The evil intrinsic in our natures springs into being as well as the good. It is like alternate sun and rain upon prepared lands—all seeds quicken, tares as well as grain. The battle then, according to our progress, is ceaseless and furious. Pain marks the swift growth, but gives way to power. Power is the triumph of the force of levitation in our natures; it comes to be through the conquest of the pain-bringing forces, which answer only to the pull of the earth.

The more concrete a thing is, the more it is limited. The more abstract a thing is, the more it is free, but to be perfect in freedom we must establish our beginnings where materials are heaviest, matching our foundations well with the foundations of the earth—happily anchored, so to say, among and upon the rocks. This gives tone and art to our abstractions, and is one reason for life here.

One's attitude to death often reveals the strength of his inner life. The deeper one goes in the quest within, the less desirable life here appears. We loosen our hold upon the material form as well as upon the external possessions which bind us to the world. The realization comes again and again that life in the flesh is the lowest arc of a great cycle. This arc contains the deepest darkness, the heaviest impediment, dullest coloring and most inflexible equipment. Yet mystics and occultists here joyously serve out their sentences, having learned how to live. They endure the full term of imprisonment with growing adoration for the Plan; for it is here in matter that the abutments are sunk for lovelier spiritual edifices. Length of days is accepted as a

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means for balancing and perfecting the higher arcs of the cycle. We crawl at midnight to wing across the vivid noons.

The mystic and occultist, on the other hand, alone perceive the dim decencies of life on the ground. Their inner windows are opened to the higher spheres, but also the five senses are made delicate and animate through spiritual quickening, so that sounds, textures, colors, tastes and fragrances are sensed to a degree incredible by those to whom the five senses mean all. It is invariably true that one must lift slightly above a plane to perceive it.

One must become intuitive to comprehend the function of intellect; one must become spiritual to perceive sensuous beauty and force; one must dwell in that sixth sense to appreciate the excellent and revelatory play of the other five; in fact, one does not develop this sixth sense, which is a synthesis of the others, until the five have been almost miraculously quickened. It is the same story again of the airplane reaching a certain speed on wheels before wings take the strain of the fabric and the hold of the earth lets go.

By transmutation we make of ourselves what we will. We cultivate our tastes by choosing what we wish to enjoy. We bring ourselves to relish a dull task by making a character-test of it. The pain and the danger flashes away from an enforced fast, if we make a sacrament of it; a wearisome walk may become a pilgrimage.

In fact, the very core of the meditative purpose is to get out of the detached will of self, out of the heresy of the sense of separateness, into the great moving law where inter-atomic and inter-solar are but terms of traffic of one great Plan. To return into the Holy Law, we look within. We have had our fling at managing the world. It has all come tumbling about our heads. We are sick and slack and at strife. We sit with swine and snatch our husks, before we remember the house of the Father and arise. The way Home at first, is thought by thought. The time comes when we can no more permit a questionable thought to rove into our minds and take control than we would ramble in a by-way, when in a hurry to get somewhere.

Very early we learn that we are not our bodies, not our desires, not our minds; that we must manage exactly the movement and play and flow of all these. Then, step by step, the meaning of man, the little cosmos, becomes clearer; also that man must rule this microcosm. Presently we see that the cells of the human body are as mysterious and marvelously swung as stars and planets through the universe; that sickness is an imperfect polarity of the cellular system, local or general, a house divided against itself, out of the law, out of touch with its Throne.

We all want the same thing—the co-ordination of the mind with the Soul. We want for our own use down here the powers of Being. We know that every significant thing man has done has come from the

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Soul, not from the mind; that his inspiration for poem or song, or invention is from the Knower, not from the thinker. Actually the thing we want is to become Spiritually-minded.

You may let these words drum on your consciousness for ages, and never get the meaning of them unless you answer them spirit for spirit in the mind. They are so simple that they contain no astonishment for you; perhaps they contain disappointment because no art adheres, because they are so mystical as to have achieved clarity.

The highest mystical injunction I can give relative to attainment is this: **TIRELESSLY, HOURLY WORK UPON THE CORRECTION OF YOUR FAULTS!** Yet you would hear this in the infant class.

Ten years ago Bucke's book on Cosmic Consciousness came into my hands. From various angles it discussed the mystery of the enlargement and cleansing of the mind to receive the Spirit. It made vast approaches to the Great Subject, reverential researches. It was something in those days even to know what the title of the book meant, as a hypothesis. Today it is the very breath of the Runners—the quest, the one song, the one story of life—to make the mind beautiful enough to entertain the Spirit; to link the natural with the spiritual.

We overcome our bodies that our minds may be cleansed to receive the Guest. We expand the mind with sacred writings and the words of all teachers to accelerate its vibration. When the quickening reaches a certain point, the lowest spiritual vibration is able to touch the mind's highest, and there is union.

Always there are fruits of a true union. Poems, songs, inventions are the fruits of momentary flashes. But we wish this sustained power, this *sustained* elation. Our minds must be deepened, strengthened, sweetened to endure the steady inflow of our own spiritual powers.

It all comes back to the correction of faults as the way. A clean body is required to support the mind to the point of its great renunciation. The mind must surrender itself to the Spirit. Now see the importance of becoming simple, receptive, free from opinions and partisanship, all of which belong to the realm of chance and change; to the thinker not to the Knower. They obstruct the union of the mind with the Spirit, as does all that a man thinks he knows. When the mind gives itself over to the revelations of the essential life he no longer thinks, he Knows. Yet it is necessary to think that we do not know, in order to clear the mind for Knowing. All in a sentence—the quest is to become *Spiritually minded*—and that is to become superb and inimitable.

By thought we rise; by thought we fall; by thought we stand or go: all destiny is wrought by its swift potency.—James Allen.

The Sacred Centers

(The article in the January issue on "The Twelve Gates" brought a number of inquiries and comments, and among them was this excellent article by Sunshine Daddy, who has evidently given the subject profound study:)

My Friend:

Regarding your article on "The Twelve Sacred Gates" in the January Aquarian Age, I feel that we are working along the same line, each of us having a glimpse of the truth, and as the other fellow's idea is usually illuminating, I am going to offer you mine for your consideration as follows:

For years I, and since Mrs. E. and I became one, we, have done our work on the physical body along the idea of the seven, not six, Centers and the Twelve Gates of the Body. Let us first take my idea of the Gates. There are Twelve, and I divide them into seven (Spiritual Man), and four material man) and one connecting which gives us five or a physical man. The Seven Spiritual Gates are the seven openings in the head or the Higher Man through which we take in that which is necessary to build "our universe" or our physical growth, which is the first step toward the growth of the soul. The seven are, of course, the eyes (two), the ears (two), the nostrils (two), and one mouth. The four material gates through which we throw out both waste and our share toward the keeping up of the vehicles for the life stream to manifest itself in are the nipples and the openings of the rectal and sex organs, the connecting gate being the navel.

The Seven Sacred Centers are the seven greater plexuses, chakres, Chaldean sacred fires, also the seven cities of Asia of the Revelation. There are, of course, forty-nine plexuses or nerve centers in the body as there are forty-nine sacred fires according to oriental and occult philosophy, but the seven most important, the ones designated by John of Patmos as the seven cities of Asia (the body) which is also the scroll sealed

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with the "Seven Seals" and are in the order named. The pineal gland situated just back of the third ventricle of the brain is the City of Laodikeia. This is the third eye, the eye of the spirit, the door of Jesus, astrological sign Leo the Sun. Second the pituitary body or the Cavernous. This is the City of Philadelphia, sign Cancer, the Moon. Third, laryngeal, City of Sardis. This is Mercury. Fourth, Cardiac, City of Thyateira, Venus. Fifth, epigastric or solar plexus, City of Pergamos, Scorpio, planet Mars. Sixth, prostatic, City of Smyrna, planet Jupiter. Seventh, sacral, City of Ephesus, Capricorn, Saturn. The scroll sealed with seven seals is the body and the life force Jiva, Fohat, Pranna, ordinarily flows down through the two sides of the sympathetic or ganglionic nervous system or rather down one side and up and out the other, the left called Ida and the right Pingala. The pineal gland is still the organ of spiritual sight though as a physical eye is atrophied. Through the action of man's spiritual self consciously or unconsciously he endeavors to open up the third channel, the street paved with gold in the New Jerusalem or the River Jordan, namely, the hollow in the spinal cord, and let this life force Fohat or Speireima, displace the slow moving nervous force of Pranna or Jiva. This is done through the action of man's spiritual will and arouses into spiritual activity Kundalina (Speireima) coiled at the base of the spine as it is poetically expressed in the Upanishads. Our work as healers is to help in this opening up process, starting with Smyrna the prostatic, working up carefully, opening up one center at a time up to and including Philadelphia, or pituitary; then down to Ephesus and finally to Laodikeia the pineal. When the force flows from Laodikeia to Philadelphia "a Cross" is formed. The Christ within is brought to life and then only can one be said to have a glimpse of "cosmic consciousness," a term that is much mis-used and the experiences called by that name are often only an emotional or sexual stress or a condition of self-induced hypnosis.

Now, my friend, remember I am not trying to start an

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argument, not set myself up as a "wise guy." I am only offering to you the portion of truth that I see, hoping that each one of us will get a larger vision of truth out of it.

Oh, yes, I also use the seven aspects of the Logos, viz., in Ephesus, the aspect of the Logos is memory, Smyrna reason, Pergamos will, Thyateira direct cognition, Sardis divine love, Philadelphia divine thought, Laodiceia divine subsistence, "Arche" from which come all elements, subtle and gross. As I understand it the Kundalina takes the place of the ordinary slow moving nervous force and becomes the agent of the Celestial or perfecting work and as it is specialized in the ganglionic system becomes the seven tattvas, pneumata, or breaths of the Apocalypse. Concurrent with the seven human forces are the five solar fires pertaining to the cerebro-spinal system, called the seven Pranna Vital Airs, Life Winds, or the Winds (anemonia) of the Apocalypse. These twelve forces correspond to the twelve signs of the Zodiac, which of course in dual presentation becomes the four and twenty Elders or Auncients before the throne.

Sincerely yours,

SUNSHINE DADDY,

The Sunshine Path,

18 East Thirteenth St., Lawrence, Kas.

Much which we think essential is merely a matter of habit.

THOMAS WENTWORTH HIGGINSON.

Faith, hope and love are purifiers of the blood. They have a peptic quality. They open and enlarge all the channels of bodily vitality. As was learned long ago, "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." And the self-control which keeps reason on the throne and makes passion serve is the best of all domestic physicians.

CHARLES G. AMES.

Thought and Locomotion

GEORGE B. BROWNELL

WE often hear the expression, "How easy it will be for us to travel about in the ethereal realms when we lay aside our bodies. All we will need to do is to will to be at a certain place, and we will be there immediately, even if our destination is a remote star." It is true that locomotion in the invisible realms is conducted with wonderful speed and under the direction of the will, but there are limitations that effect all beings more or less according to their state of development. For instance around this earth, and in fact around all heavenly bodies, are great magnetic or etheric zones that reach out one beyond the other millions of miles in space, becoming more intense in vibration as they graduate away from this earth. Earth-bound spirits, those who have passed from this plane with little or no aspiration, find themselves bound so close to earth conditions that they cannot rise into a higher altitude because of the intensity of the vibrations. They can only rise to higher planes as they spiritualize themselves, that is, purify themselves of all selfish and earthly dross. No one rises to a level higher than the plane he has attained to in spiritual progress. No one can rise higher than his vibratory force will carry him.

These magnetic or etheric fields have been separated into three great divisions called firmaments, the lower, middle and upper firmaments. Each of these are subdivided into three planes, the lower firmament embracing the first, second and third spiritual planes; the middle firmament the fourth, fifth and sixth spiritual planes, and the upper firmament the Divine or Celestial Realms. Paul, speaking of being taken to the third heaven, did not refer to the third spiritual plane, for that is not a high plane, but referred to the upper heaven or Celestial Kingdom. "How that he was caught up into Par-

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adise and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful (not possible with our limited faculties or means of communication) for man to utter." 2 Cor. 12:4.

To the lower firmament gravitate the souls who have not evolved or risen out of their mortal attachments or sense plane conditions. This is particularly true of those in the lower strata of this realm. In the higher states of this realm they are awakening, and in the middle firmament are awakened to a greater degree of universal love and affection of the ego, and are more fully engaged in service to others. In the upper firmament, or realms of benediction and glory, reside the master souls, the great helpers and blessers of mankind. Only those who have cultivated a broad universal love and sympathy and mastered all mortal limitations, are qualified to enter this realm. Many of these great ones descend and work upon the lower planes, healing and teaching those less advanced. Many are able to work directly upon the earth plane when they can find souls who have elevated their vibrations through devotion and consecration, purity of thought and feeling, and by love and service, with their own high plane of thought and benevolent aims. With their greater vision, understanding and power they can deal with conditions from the invisible side of life that are hid from the eyes of their servants.

We look out into the blue sky, so symbolical of the Infinity of Spirit, and a restful feeling steals over us, the effect of the soothing blue ray and the spiritualizing effect of looking up, which always opens up the petals of the soul to the spiritual light, and we wonder about the immensity of this deep, unfathomable ocean of blue, in which we can lose our cares and worries. Only when the stars come out at night do we realize that this ethereal vault contains something. Yet if we could see with added vision, or travel through its transparent waves, freed from our denser bodies, we would be surprised at the magnitude of life and activity manifesting everywhere, the Kingdoms, the Societies, the Orders, the

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groupings of souls with allied interests, the institutions, the vistas of beauty and splendor.

One can project his thought immense distances and almost instantly make connection and communicate with another soul on some other planet or plane of life, providing of course he knows someone who can catch his call and respond to him, but to go there in person, that is, in your spiritual body, takes time. On this plane you can, or rather a few can, connect up immediately and communicate with others telepathically at a distance, even across continents and seas, but to go to them in person is a matter of days and sometimes weeks, according to the distance. This same law holds good in the spiritual realms. "As above so below," or "As below so above." Although flight in the more ethereal realms is made with wonderful rapidity, it is not instantaneous, for there are paths through space, and bars and obstacles to overcome, and detours to make, and a body cannot travel as fast as thought. There are suns and systems of suns so distant that it would take years and even centuries for a spirit to reach. We cannot with our limited faculties comprehend the vastness of God's universe. Some astronomer has said that when the telescope is stationary, the suns that pass through the field of the aperture look like an avalanche or a Niagara of falling stars.

A point of light in the heavens when viewed through the telescope is found to contain six thousand suns, all relatively as far apart as our sun is from the other suns near us. New instruments applied in the measurements of stars have disclosed the great size of Betelgeuse (the great sun in Orion, in the shoulder of the great giant) which is so large that one-half of its bulk could not be squeezed between our earth and the sun, which is 92,000,000 of miles away.

"When I consider thy Heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that

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thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor. O Lord how excellent is thy name in all the earth." Ps. 8.

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THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE MUST GIVE

What would you think of a rose that would say to itself, "I cannot afford to give away to strangers all my beauty and sweetness. I must keep it for myself. It is wasteful extravagance to give these things away"? But behold, the moment it tries to store up, to withhold them from others, they vanish. The fragrance, the beauty, do not exist in the unopened bud. It is only when the rose begins to open itself, to exhibit its petals, to give its secret, its life to others, that its beauty and fragrance are developed.

So selfishness defeats its own ends. He who refuses to give himself for others, who closes the petals of his helpfulness, and withholds the fragrance of his sympathy and love, finds that he loses the very thing he hoped to gain. The very springs of his manhood dry up. His finer nature becomes petrified. He grows deaf to the cries of help from his fellow-men. His tears are dried up, and he stares at misfortune without wincing.

Refuse to open your purse, and soon you cannot open your sympathy. Refuse to love, and you soon lose the power to love. Your affections are paralyzed, your sympathy atrophied from disuse, and you become a moral cripple. But the moment you open wide the door of your narrow life, and like the rose send out without stint your fragrance and beauty upon every passer-by, whether peasant or millionaire, you begin to develop a marvelous power.—Marden.

I believe if we could only see beforehand what it is that our Heavenly Father means us to be, the soul beauty and perfection and glory, the glorious and lovely spiritual body that this soul is to dwell in through all eternity; if we could have a glimpse of this, we should not grudge all the trouble and pains he is taking with us now to bring us up to that ideal which is his thought of us.

ANNIE KEARY.

Letter No. 16

JESUS AND DAVID

GOD'S PLAN

By WILLIAM ALEXANDER REDDING
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 IN MY letter No. 15 I set out the Sworn Covenant of God put on King David, *about* 1050 B. C., showing what God intends to do with David; but the world is so astray on everything set in the Bible that a discussion of the points in detail has to be made in order to bring the people out of their false ideas, as God is, now, bringing things to a focus so that it is a positive necessity for the people to get into the truth of things in order to stand at all and go through the *terrible* period that is approaching. They must know what is coming in order to get their bearings and not step the wrong way, as a wrong step will bring disaster.

The world must learn that when the Bible talks about David it does not mean Jesus Christ. This point is so important, these days, that I dwell on it and discuss it, in all its details, to break down the *false* ideas that people have about it. By thinking that the Bible statements about David mean Jesus Christ, the churches and the people have thrown the world into utter darkness and falsehood about God's plan for the future of this earth. Therefore, the mission set to David and the mission set to Jesus must be studied and compared, each with the other, and it will be clearly seen that Jesus was never ordained to be an earth king, as *that* mission was set to David; and this is why the Bible prophecies have so much to say about David. But the people always think that David means Jesus Christ; and this twist turns the Bible all out of square and puts a false idea on the world about Jesus to come back to earth and set up a kingdom. The people do not see that this kind of a mission is set to David, and that it does *not* apply

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to Jesus. This point must be thoroughly understood before any sense can be seen in the numerous Bible statements. The *people's* idea about it throws the Bible into an entangled mess of falsehood.

Now go over the subject and study carefully all the points in the Covenant of God, put on David, and then compare them with the sworn covenant of God put on Jesus Christ and note the wide difference of the two missions set on the two men. Here is the sworn covenant of God put on Jesus Christ.

SWORN COVENANT ON JESUS CHRIST

The Lord hath sworn and will not repent; Thou (Jesus Christ) art a Priest *forever* after the order of Melchisadec.—Psalms 110:4.

Nothing said in this covenant about Jesus Christ ever to be a King or an Establisher of a Kingdom. The covenant simply says: "Thou art a Priest *forever* after the order of Melchisadec," which is a Priesthood that stands forever. The Priests in it never die. But it is not a government; therefore, it did not make Jesus a king; and he announced this fact by saying, "My kingdom is not of this world." John 18:36. If people would look at all these numerous statements and sworn covenants, set in the Bible, they would quit their foolishness of looking for the man Jesus to come back to this earth and set up a kingdom, as he says, *positively*, that his kingdom is not of this world. And the sworn covenant of God put on him shows that Jesus was made a Priest and *not* an earth king. But the sworn covenant of God put on David shows that David was made an earth king, higher than the *other* earth kings. He is to rule over *other* kings of earth. And he gets the earth kingship by being made God's first-born to comply with the ancient law that made the first-born or oldest son the heir to the father's throne. And the sworn covenant, put on David, says David is made God's first-born to inherit the throne. So all we have to do is to watch the wording of the covenants put on David and on Jesus and we can see what is set to come *forever*; and what the mission of each personage is to be. The wording of the David covenant contains many

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points. And the wording of the Jesus Christ covenant contains just *one* point. "Thou art a Priest *forever* after the order of Melchisadec." Nothing said about throne to endure forever, as the sun. Nothing said about him being a King, higher than the kings of earth. These statements are set in the David covenant, but *not* in the Jesus Christ covenant because the *literal* Kingship and *literal* Kingdom are set to King David. And Jesus knew all this, and he said, "My kingdom is *not* of this world"—see John 18:36. The world seeth me no more—see John 14:19. And he went on to say, "It is expedient that I go away"—see John 16:7.

The Melchisadec Priesthood, as applied to Jesus Christ, is discussed and explained by St. Paul in the 7th chapter of Hebrews. And Paul understood the difference between things sworn to and things *not* sworn to. And he compares the Aaron Priesthood with the Melchisadec Priesthood and shows the difference. And he puts Jesus Christ into the Melchisadec Priesthood and shows that it is a thing sworn to and is to stand forever; and that it is the perfect thing, while the Aaron Priesthood was *not* the perfect thing; and that the Aaron Priests died because they were only temporary and *not* sworn to. They were made Priests without an oath, Paul says. And, by studying, carefully, Paul's statements we can trace the *thread* of this subject about David and Jesus and the mission set to each; and why Jesus said, "My kingdom is *not* of this world." But David's mission is exactly the reverse. His covenant says he is ordained as a King, higher than the kings of earth. He is *over* the kings of earth. They must come under David. And this idea is *positively* stated in the 41st chapter of Isaiah which discusses this very day and time and shows that trouble will be on earth at this time, and that God will, right at this day, raise up King David and set him over all the kings of earth and give them over into David's hand just as though they were soft mud in the hands of a potter who takes the soft mud or clay and shapes it into any kind of vessels he chooses to make out of the clay. This idea is *posi-*

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tively stated in the Isaiah chapter, but it does not *name* David right out. It calls him the *Righteous Man from the east*. It means King David who was buried in Jerusalem (the far East) 1014 B. C. And the Divine Spirit is talking in the 41st chapter of Isaiah and It is asking the question as to who raised up the Righteous Man from the east and set him over kings and made him to rule over them. Then the Spirit answers the question by saying, "I, the Lord, did it. I am the first and the last. I am he." It is a thing set to take place in the near future but it is written as though it *has* occurred. This style or way of putting things is found all through the prophecies. They write it down as though it *has* occurred, but it means that it *is* to occur in the future; and, in this 41st chapter of Isaiah, the Spirit is telling about the trouble that will be on earth at this time (today) and how the Lord intends to raise up the ancient King David from his eastern tomb and set him up on his feet and have him pursue the nations that are in trouble and get the advantage over them by the power of the Lord put on David, so the nations and the kings will be as nothing before King David. But the reading of it shows that it will be a dangerous situation but that David will come through it safely because the Lord will be the Protector and the Power that will make David the victor. Here is the statement about it.

Who raised up the Righteous Man from the east and called him to his feet (put him on his feet) and gave the nations before him and made him rule over kings, and gave them over to him as the dust to his sword and as the stubble to his weapon. He pursued them and passed safely, even by a way he had not gone with his feet.

Who hath wrought it and done it? I, the Lord. I am the first and the last. I am he. The isles saw it and feared. The ends of the earth were afraid and drew near and came. *Isaiah 41:2 to 6.*

This agrees with the sworn covenant of God put on David. It says, "I, the Lord, have made David my first-born and higher than the kings of earth. I will beat down his foes before his face and plague them that hate him. The enemy shall not exact off of him."—*Psalm 89.*

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This is why the Isaiah prophecy says the *Righteous Man* from the east (meaning King David) will pursue the warring nations and take them and rule over their kings; because the covenant makes David a King higher than the kings of earth. He is to rule over all other kings of earth. This prophecy of Isaiah, about the *Righteous Man* from the east pursuing the nations, will come to pass in the near future. Things are being made ready for it. It comes under the covenant put on David, and I introduce it here to show how different David's mission is from the mission of Jesus Christ who announced it that his Kingdom is not of this world. See John 18:36. While the covenant put on David shows that David's mission is to be a literal King of this world and pursue the nations and bring them under him, because his covenant makes him a King higher than the kings of earth. He is to be a King over all the *other* kings. This Isaiah prophecy positively states this and goes on to describe the movements the Righteous Man from the east (meaning King David) will make against the warring nations and, by the power of God, take them and rule over them. This is an all-around hard, *literal* Kingship to be acted out in the near future. And it shows that it does not apply to Jesus Christ who *positively* declared, "My kingdom is *not* of this world." See John 18:36. The world seeth me no more.—John 14:19. It is expedient that I go away. John 16:7.

One God and Father of all, who is over us all, who pervades us all, who is **WITHIN** us all.—Eph. 4:6 (Moffatt's Tran.).

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THE BEST WAY TO TAKE MEDICINE

Liver Pills—Take one pill each morning and roll it around the block three times. Follow this by a cold shower, glass of hot water and light breakfast. Roll the pill down the sewer.

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When the Spirit led us to Santa Barbara last August we were told to give up our present work and concentrate more time on our Absent Healing. At that time we were also promised a greater focalization of power by the Spiritual forces aiding in the work, to make our Prayers and the Word spoken for patients more effective. We feel that this promise has been fulfilled as this Center has been used as a channel for some remarkable cases of healing.

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give their personal attention to special patients, and if the case is very urgent an additional healer is put on the case. In addition to this in stubborn cases, the group as a whole takes up the case in our daily Concentration group. Special Treatments are always necessary in severe physical troubles as we give more time to the case. Terms are elastic to suit every need, and will be sent on request.

The following words of appreciation from Special Patients have been received in the past few weeks:

Charleston, S. C.—I consider you have made a marvelous cure for my grand-daughter, as the rupture seems to be entirely cured, and the baby is improving. I am sending you the remittance and I feel that God will open a way for me to pay you more.

MRS. V. S.

Tiffin, Ohio—Your Lessons are fine. When we read them we feel a peculiar uplift. I can sense your treatments. I feel as though someone had lifted me out of a low-spirited condition. I am sending money just to pay for your assistance in helping me out of the terrible misery (she and her husband were run into by another car, and their automobile completely wrecked, both being badly hurt). Where would we have been had we not had your help? God bless you both and keep you from all harm.

MRS. M. E. S.

Pasadena, Calif.—The temperature came right down after I telegraphed you and our little boy has slept and been perfectly normal in other ways. The swelling is slowly but surely diminishing. He is cheerful and brave and only when the neck is touched does he complain. We noticed the change at once and my courage is as big as a mountain. Worlds of thanks until you hear from me again. (Two doctors wanted to operate at once for dangerous swelling of gland under the ear, with high temperature, when the mother wired for help.)

MRS. M. C.

Phoenix, Ariz.—I rejoice in being able to tell you that our little girl is greatly improved and we feel now that all is well. She will soon be able to be out of bed. We brought her home a week ago when the doctor wished to move her into the contagious ward, which we could not allow. I thank you so much for your kind assistance and love. God will bless you abundantly, I am sure, in all your work.

(This little girl was run over by an automobile and operated on for rupture of the bladder. Was in a very dangerous condition when they wired us for help. The grandmother had a vision of the accident three weeks before it occurred.)

MRS. L. D.

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Portland, Me.—I am enclosing two dollars for two months of continued Service in the Ministry. The Lessons in Truth are so inspiring and helpful that I must have them all. One catches a new truth at every reading, and I know that they have been a great help to me this last month, as genuine soul awakening.

MISS F. M. F.

Humboldt, Iowa—I know you will be glad to know that the lump in my breast is going down and that mentally the improvement is *marvellous*. I am happier than I have been for months and I feel sure that in due time some of the spiritual gifts I have longed for will come to me. I cannot see much improvement in my eyes yet, but I feel sure that as my spiritual vision becomes clearer the physical vision will improve, for I feel sure that back of each physical defect there is a mental or spiritual cause. Please continue the treatments.

MRS. F. W.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—I am enclosing an order for another month's treatments. My eyes are much better and I can see to read the lessons. I have been having such beautiful experiences since I last wrote to you. I truly believe that I shall regain my vision, both human and spiritual. (This woman was blind.)

MRS. E. R. F.

Chapman, Kans.—I am enclosing ten dollars for another month's Special Treatment. I am somewhat improved. I am not so constipated and the acid condition of my urine is improved. My eyesight is not much improved although the sunlight seems brighter. I can feel your treatments, but being unable to see to read greatly retards my progress.

MRS. G. M. L.

Avalon, Pa.—The way you have helped me is remarkable, and my memory is steadily improving. It seems every day people become more interested in me, and every once in a while someone tells me they have heard favorable comments about me. The other day a fellow with whom I work complained of having rheumatism in his back and arm, and asked me to run an electric vibrator over him. I did this, but while doing so I repeated twice the following: "You are Divine, the Divine Life in you has power to overcome this condition. I now speak to you as a soul, to exercise your Divine Birthright and behold you are healed." And he was healed, and I don't believe it was the vibrator that did it. So I hope I am getting the power to heal and hope if it is so, that I may cure many. Thanking you for all you have done and will do for everyone, I am.

MR. H. H. M. (18 years old).

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George B. Brownell.

FROM SHADOW TO SUNSHINE

*I learn as the years roll onward
And leave the past behind,
That much I have counted sorrow
But proves that our God is kind;
That many a flower I longed for
Had a hidden thorn of pain,
And many a rugged bypath
Led to fields of ripened grain.*

*The clouds but cover the sunshine,
They cannot banish the sun;
And the earth shines out the brighter
When the weary rain is done;
We must stand in the deepest shadow,
To see the clearest light,
And often from wrong's own darkness
Comes the very strength of right.*

*The sweetest rest is at even,
After a wearisome day,
When the heavy burden of labor
Has been borne from our hearts away,
And those who have never known sorrow
Cannot find the Infinite Peace
That falls on the troubled spirit,
When it sees at last release.*

*We must live through the weary winter
If we would value spring;
And the woods must be cold and silent
Before the robins sing;
The flowers must be buried in darkness
Before they could bud and bloom,
And the sweetest and warmest sunshine
Comes after the storm and gloom.*

*So the heart from the hardest trial
Gains the purest joy of all,
And from lips that have tasted sadness
The sweetest songs will fall.
For as peace comes after suffering
And love is reward of pain,
So after earth comes heaven,
And out of our loss the gain.*

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The Color Scheme in Nature

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CHE study and meaning of color vibration is one of the first things to come to the attention of the occult student, for as a rule the first unfolding process to the majority of students manifests in color vision, that is, the sensing of colors on the astral planes. This develops as a rule before one sees symbols or visions of any kind, and is the infant stage of clairvoyance and clairaudience which follow in its train.

Color vibration is part of the great law of the universe, as everything has its color and also its musical tone or key and although we have learned much about color I am convinced the half has not been told.

We know some of the effects of color used as a therapeutic agent in nervous or mental diseases. For instance red is a stimulant, while blue is just the reverse. Babbitt in his remarkable book, "Principles of Light and Color," which he received under inspiration (as nothing like it had been previously known or published), shows clearly the use of color as a therapeutic agent and he proved his theory by many marvelous cures. These theories have since been put into practical use by many doctors and sanitariums, and colleges are now experimenting along these lines to good advantage.

Dr. George Starr White has written a very exhaustive work on Diagnosis from the colors of the aura. This book is a practical course for physicians and Dr. White has lectured to physicians all over the country on his theory. More

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than this he has proven to the prejudiced minds of many doctors that through a simple practice of looking at a nude body placed before a dark screen, almost every one in the room could see the aura of the patient, while previously it was believed that only those especially gifted with clairvoyant vision could see these magnetic rays about objects and individuals.

Dr. White's system of diagnosis of disease by color is very complex as his color scheme is divided into so many varying shades. If he sees a certain shade or color predominating in the aura it indicates to him a certain disease. This he corrects by placing the patient so that the part of the body radiating that color, shall get the direct ray of its complementary or opposite color, and in this way he claims to have made some very remarkable cures.

We are coming only dimly to realize the importance of the great laws of Nature, all of which serve their purpose in the development of life on this planet. All the colors in Nature have their effect upon us whether we are conscious of it or not. Nothing is out of tune or harmony in God's great plan. Everything, even to the smallest atom, is serving its purpose in the Divine Order.

Every color, therefore, has its purpose and let us never say this color is good or that bad, for each is necessary in the unfolding of the individual, and those who have clear etheric vision and are able to see the complete aura surrounding individuals, can often see all the colors of the spectrum mingling and intermingling in a kaleidoscope of color about the person. These colors are constantly changing with new emotions by which that individual may be swayed, now one color more predominant and in a moment, with a changing emotion, this color fading and another coming more prominently into view.

Persons who lean to the devotional will have the pale blue dominant in their auras. Those of the spiritual type, and especially healers, will have the different shades of

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violet and purple more prominent, while those who lean to the intellectual will have the yellows predominating. As this yellow grows into the lighter shades it signifies intellectuality fusing into spirituality.

In the great color scheme of Nature you will notice that the rose pink and red tints flash over the sleeping earth just before the breaking of the dawn. The rose pink signifies love and affection, the highest emotion we have evolved, harmonizing the race for a new day and tending also to arouse the creative instinct in bird and beast and man. The redder tints signify life and energy and often passion, and tend to infuse new life into all living creatures for the new day. What more appropriate color could the Supreme Being, who created the Law of this planet, bring into action as an awakening force. As we awaken, we are infused with love and the foreful creative life energy, which we need to start a new day.

As this red gives way to the golden glow of the rising sun, the intellectual and reasoning powers are stimulated and all the faculties we need in the work of the day are stimulated into action.

During the day as we look about us, although we are constantly under the mental stimulation of the yellow rays of the sun, Nature has everywhere spread her mantle of harmonizing, restful green, to tone down the mental stimulation of the sun's rays.

We note also that the sky is blue in tone, and we also have to look up to it, and as blue is the color of aspiration and devotion toward that which is higher than self, how fitting that the dome of the heavens should be colored blue by the infinitely wise Creator. Also as we look out on the vast expanse of sea as well as sky, these two areas covering far the greater area of our vision on this earth, we also find this blue tone predominating, though interspersed here and there by the harmonizing greens.

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And last of all as the shadows of evening begin to descend, and for several hours preceding the time of sleep, we are brought again under the dominion of the deeper blue of the heavens and the radiance of the golden stars so beautifully immortalized by Longfellow,

"Silently one by one, in the infinite meadows of heaven
Blossom the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots of the angels."

Thus in the evening, before retiring to sleep, we are again brought into the devotional, aspirational attitude, and the soothing influence of the deeper blue, tempered by the golden light and intellectual stimulus (for those who read or study in the evening hours), but far less in volume than that we get from the sun earlier in the day. At the close of the day we are thus brought into vibration with the blue ray, which quiets the soul and again lulls it into the devotional, receptive state, so when finally sleep and rest overtake the body, the soul, which is still active, is in vibratory sympathy with the invisible plane, and receptive to the light and wisdom which comes to every soul in sleep.

Surely we are in the keeping of an over-ruling Providence, and every soul is speeding toward the Light.

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WE WISH YOU

Peace, Power and Plenty,

Words that are heaven born,

Say them, Oh heart that is weary,

Till hope in your heart is born,

For words are things that lift on wings

The one who believes them true,

And whatever you will when the mind is still

You may call to the Soul of You.

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Extracts from the Mystic Road

(Fifth Letter)

By WILL LEVINGTON COMFORT

WE dare draw a little closer this time. Every day in relation to you, I ask not to obstruct the greater with the lesser self. The insinuations of personality are very subtle and potent. I ask for freedom, and it is coming, but there is a breathlessness about it, an exhilaration, like the strain of high altitudes. We can girdle the planet with Comrades, but only as we set our own Souls free from the sharply bounded and isolated province of our minds.

I do not belittle mind or flesh. We must make them infinitely flexible and finished and beautiful, but after we have passed the preliminaries of life, this perfecting work can only be carried on from a larger consciousness than mind alone. The mind must become the agent of this larger consciousness for its own higher development.

And the body—it is the chamber of the Soul's initiatory ordeals. I am last to make light of that. Of its beauty our New Race of Weavers and Potters and Singers and Pattern-Makers must be born; of its loftier perfecting beauty must be born within the heart of each of us the brave purpose of Regeneration. But we can only use the body in its higher functions; in fact, we can only give the body the reverence it calls, as we come to know it. To know the body, one must transcend it. The man in the upper window, not the man who marches, sees the parade.

The point is, to reach this higher vantage, one must leave the parade-level—must leave the warmth of the many and the bracing sanction of the thought-forms which inevitably overshadow the crowd. One must make the passage alone from the street to the upper window, from the mind to the Soul,—painful and dreary and sometimes long, but never so

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intolerable as to remain below. One needs only a whisper from within to go on and on. The man in the upper window sees more than the parade. He laughs to find how queer he looked down there, and all others in relation to him.

The time comes when the temporal and the material so inevitably betray that we expect nothing of them; the time comes when such love as we have in our hearts no longer dares hurl itself outward upon a creature destined to pass in ten or seventy years. Our love demands eternity. The increase of our love forces us to break out of the old into the new, like every winged creature from its tightly-woven sheaths of last year—always the love story leads to wings. Be sure that your lover of flesh will look no less to you, when you see the Immortal in him from the supernal vantage of the Soul. Be sure that his inimitable attraction will prove no less, because you see the sons of God in the eyes of *all* passing men. Be sure that life will not be less radiant, when you break out of the thrall of the emotions and take his hand for the Dance of the New Era in the throng of—all the Comrades.

The higher cannot be reached without a willingness to abandon the lower, but in reaching the higher the lower is invariably included. One gives up his life to save it. One gives up the love which is desire-for-one, to achieve the spiritual love for many, which in itself includes an altogether new dimension of romance with the one.

We shall establish a great circle of Comrades who have no art and no religion other than to bring enduring love to one another and to the world—Comrades whose human hearts have been quickened and sensitized by the sorrows and separations and idolatries of the flesh. To those who have suffered enough, the Soul stands smiling above to whisper: "I am closer. I have waited long. Have faith. Love more, not less. Love more loftily, and pain will fall away. Give more, not less. Determine nothing, stipulate nothing; be braver, more tender; make love out of desire; make ten-

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derness and reverence out of passion. . . . Soon you shall know."

The Soul brings freedom. It knows no clinging, no crying out, no love that does not set us free. We had to know the pain and beauty of the human heart to become pioneers of this band of artists and worshippers and lovers of the days to come. We must laugh at our own pain now—must belong to divided lovers everywhere. We had to have our wars, our soldier-last-words, our agonies of rushing apart on bridal eyes. Because we know, we can take the New Age to our breasts. We are dearer to each other the more we give ourselves to those whose faces turn gray in sorrow, whose hearts know the travail of humbler romance.

The love that we shall know opens the casements of the Spirit and looks out upon the stars and archipelagoes; it perceives the contours of the worlds and the purple deeps between the suns. Like the love of Kabir, it means God to the Seeker and the adored hand and lips to the beloved here. . . . Once more, it is earth-love redeemed. This is the great romantic tale of the New Race. From time to time, the questers shall arise out of generation, while it is yet high noon. With these, earth-love has become beautiful, the artist's creativeness upon all its ways, the chastity of adoration upon all its arts, the sacred touch of one ideal, its sole and forever quickening. . . . These questers shall teach a chastity the monks never dreamed of, and the holy matings of earth for the younger hearts—not the death of passion, but its lifting, with all its native springs of power.

A man who owned a great district sent one of his sons to a distant part of the bottom-lands, saying:

"By the difficulty of your task, you may measure my love for you."

The task was to work out a great drainage plan—to put into circulation an extended swamp that hitherto had slowed up and soured the whole territory. The young man journeyed afar to the bog. Apparently this was his life-work

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that he had found—a lowland pestilential with the cold sweat of sick earth. He laughed:

“My father must have loved me very much.”

On the borders of the swamp lived a sullen people with whom he made slow progress in friendliness. They were accustomed to swamp levels, tolerated to poison vapors, suspicious of anyone coming from a hill country. Work, too, progressed very slowly. The young man built himself a cabin, and in days that followed, toiled so hard he forgot he had any home other than the swamp. One day he caught up a young vine and planted it at the edge of his cabin. It grew and covered the place before there was any appreciable portion of the task accomplished. Finally, like the swamp people, he became immune to all fevers and miasmas. He gave himself utterly and forgot about it—altogether lost in the task of moving to purity a vast pool of sullen death.

. . . At last when it was ready, he opened the drain. It was like a singing host running down from the far hills to him. Lower and lower the vile water sank into the ditches. All the soil breathed and the lowlands took on the different look of living land. Then came the moment of an altogether new breath in the air.

The young man stood in his cabin door and wondered. The ditches were running by him—running clean! Something in the air was a haunting, glorious memory—pure water coming down from the hills! His hand brushed his forehead queerly. At last he understood the strangeness in the air—the sweet breath of his own boyhood again! The purity that he had not known for so long was the reminder of his own country. The ditches flowed silently by, perfect channels. . . . The young man remembered, laughed.

. . . And the swamp men and women were singing and dancing around him like his own people! . . . There is an occult revelation that we live in the slums of the universe; that a cluster of solar systems in the general vicinity of Polaris, including our own, is the Submerged Tenth of

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creation, called the Gulf. Our solar system is said to be one of the blackest sections of this disordered abyss of space; and our planet, with one possible exception, the worst off of all. To judge by our own present affairs, we are passing through the most malignant conditions La Terre has ever known. How the Overlord must have loved us!

The whole Gulf is said to be out of harmony; certain sun-paths elliptical instead of circular, all minor arrangements wrong accordingly. . . . Each Comrade has been sent out with sealed orders, having to do with the Great Plan to redeem the Gulf. All is preparation for us until we break the seals. Our orders "sleep in the mineral, awake in the vegetable, run in the animal," and rise to gradual realization, as the spine of the mammal lifts to man.

There is that within the Soul which has never forgotten the Father's House, but the mind and body seem to require every shock and threat of ruin before their final surrender to the one single stable, central point of each life. The outer must render itself to the inner, and measure up to it on its own plane, before the work is done in the drain lands, before we can come up out of the Gulf.

By the difficulty of this task is the love of the Father measured. Who, then, would not be a drainman?

Every Comrade to his particular part—the task that shall set him free, that shall make the kingdom of Heaven come true on earth, that shall bring harmony to the Gulf, and to earth people at last, brotherhood in the true Fatherland.

. . . The hour shall strike to many Comrades in this life—utterance from the Voice of the Silence, the seals broken at last. Each shall go forth, forgetting all but the Task until the labor is finished and the breath of the sweetened air arouses the soul to the memories of the Father's House.

Each from the end of his Task shall look up and around, beholding a marvel. His eyes in that instant shall be glorified. He shall see brothers in all strangers then—great

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Weavers in disguise, great Potters and Shepherds, Architects, Messengers, Builders, Poets and Scavengers—all bent with their Tasks, all burned with their arduous preparation, all lost in the complication of perfecting equipment, but fellow-sons of the King, Masters alike in disguise, brothers all of the True Country.



A DAY OF SUNSHINE

O gift of God! O perfect day;
Whereon shall no man work, but play;
Whereon it is enough for me,
Not to be doing, but to be!

Through every fibre of my brain,
Through every nerve, through every vein,
I feel the electric thrill, the touch
Of life, that seems almost too much.

I hear the wind among the trees
Playing celestial symphonies;
I see the branches downward bent,
Like keys of some great instrument.

And over me unrolls on high
The splendid scenery of the sky,
Where through a sapphire sea the sun
Sails like a golden galleon.

O Life and Love! O happy throng
Of thoughts, whose only speech is song!
O heart of man; canst thou not be
Blithe as the air is, and as free!

—LONGFELLOW.



When we climb to heaven 'tis on the rounds of love to men.

—WHITTIER.

He that cannot forgive others, breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven.

LORD HERBERT.

How to Cast Events by Numbers

By ORCELLA REXFORD, B. Sc.

(This Series commenced December, 1920. Back numbers can be supplied.)

"Keep a thing for seven years and you will have use for it," is a statement one frequently hears. We perhaps realize that this is true from actual experience, for we may have a garment in our possession which was fashionable seven years ago and is now in style, again. But not alone in fashions is one confronted with this idea of a cycle, but in the study of world events, one is forced to accept the truth, that "history repeats itself," and that there seems to be some force at work which causes events that have transpired in the past to recur in the future. Then, there are many individuals who have periods of prosperity and failure in an almost wave-like rhythm, so that they speak of their lives as a series of "ups and downs." A study of natural law leads us therefore to an explanation of the above experiences, for all things in the natural universe are governed by a law of rhythm and a cyclic change, since everything is subject to a cycle of birth, growth, maturity and then of disintegration. In other words, there is a time and place for all things, and life in general is only a repetition of certain conditions and experiences that have been in manifestation before.

This realization brings us into the realm of mathematics, but not the dry study of our childhood, for there is a more fascinating aspect of it, which is related to all the various departments of our life, "The Philosophy of Numbers." Few of us realize how much numbers are a vital part of our very existence and in how many ways we use them in our daily life. In fact, without mathematics we would be unable to carry on any of the activities of civilized life, and

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for that reason we should have more knowledge of the higher aspects of Numbers and more respect for the Science as a whole.

Let us take for example the use of Numbers in a Daily Experience. We arise in the morning and look at the NUMBERS on the clock to observe the time of day. We next compute how long an interval we will have until we must board a certain car into town, which is due to arrive at a certain time (or NUMBER). We next notice the DAY of the month on the calendar, which is a certain NUMBER. We eat a certain NUMBER of things for breakfast, some of which has been prepared according to a certain number of teaspoonsful, or we unconsciously ask for more than ONE helping thus using NUMBERS, again. We take out some money, COUNT it, leaving a certain amount at home to pay the bills, and take a certain sum (Number) with us. As we board a car of a certain NUMBER, we notice a NUMBER on the conductor's cap, we proffer him a coin of a certain NUMBER, we receive a transfer on which is a NUMBER. We change cars at a street which is NUMBERED. We meet a NUMBER of acquaintances. We go to a building of a certain NUMBER; we enter an elevator where the operator has a NUMBER, we enter an office which has a NUMBER on the door, and so the day goes. It is one round of NUMBERS from sunrise to sunset, from birth to death, yet most of this calculation we do mechanically without any idea of how closely our civilization is involved in Mathematics.

Even a particular year in which we are living is composed of figures which have a vital meaning for us if we study them. As there are nine numbers in our system of calculation, so there are correspondingly nine divisions of a cycle. This is borne out in many places in nature, such as the nine months of prenatal life, the cycle of a plant, etc. These numbers are but symbols for the vibratory forces

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which operate upon the world and individuals, since all life is vibration in different expressions and rates of motion.

Let us take a circle as the path of man's experiences and divide it into eight equal parts placing 1 and 9 at the same point, as the beginning and close of the cycle. This gives us a circle, part of which is descending, or half positive and half negative, half light and half difficult for man to tread. It is the path then of development for man, and it is the rotation around this circle that causes the varied experiences which the world and its humanity are subjected to or the "ups and downs," for part of the circle brings one into an "up" motion and another part of it into the "down" motion. Thus every nine minutes, hours, days, months and years this cycle is completed and a new one begun making the spiral motion of evolution. If one is conversant with this influence then one can adjust life to the wave motion and be in tune with life and have harmony. Troubles and discord only come when the individual attempts to carry out a line of action at an inopportune time, such as planting a field of wheat in the midst of winter, or beginning some course of action under the influence of a number which is unfavorable to beginnings but more favorable to completions.

If an individual is not active in life but a confirmed invalid then the forces which play around such a person do not operate constructively as a rule or at least not in an active manner. Such an individual would experience the conditions during sleep or sub-consciously. Thus we will say an invalid comes into a year, the number of which is 5. In active life this would mean travel, many changes and new experiences. While the invalid might experience a change for the better and might even be moved to another location, it would probably mean that there would be no outward expression of this force, but inwardly many changes would be experienced.

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Each number in the above illustration has a number, the interpretation of which we have obtained by observing the different stages in the development of a plant as it grows under the cyclic law. Each number represents a vibratory force which plays about the individual and which if understood and included in one's life will make for happiness and success. But it is frequently the case that the individual is ignorant of the very thing that might prove a blessing and so does not learn his lessons as they are presented, and misses the great opportunity. As there is a "time for everything," so the knowledge of the forces about us, which any particular year expresses for us, will assist us to row with the current of our life instead of against it. The Watchwords help us to learn the lesson, completely.

In Number ONE we begin the cycle. This is represented by the seed of the plant, which we place in the ground. This is the creative time of the plant's existence, for in the seed are all its latent powers unexpressed. When we are at this point in the cycle, a creative influence should be manifested in our lives. We should make plans, start fresh enterprises and make beginnings. Here, we must operate the law of discard, leave the old behind, and adjust ourselves to the new, we must broaden out, expand, get the individuality free. The PURPOSE of this cycle is for Creation and the WATCHWORD which will help us to be successful if used in all times of doubt and stress, is UNITY.

In Number TWO the seed germinates—it is a time of incubation, nature is gathering her forces. Judging from the appearance of the ground there is an absence of activity. We must, however, have faith that the seed is sprouting, and keep the ground well watered and cultivated, and fertilized. This is always a crucial time in our affairs, for we have started an enterprise, made a creation and we want results at once—we cannot wait. Many an individual gives

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up during this period and loses faith in himself and his project and abandons it. He must, however, realize that things are developing although he cannot see them. He must consider small opportunities as important, have faith, be peaceful, diplomatic, and cultivate poise. Many difficulties may arise during this time to make him disturbed and unhappy. He must recognize that the PURPOSE of this period is for RECONSTRUCTION and the WATCHWORD which will help him to realize a mental attitude of TRANQUILITY, is PEACE.

In number THREE, the plant pushes through the soil, it expresses itself. Here we see some of the results of our creation of two years ago though not in its completion. Here one has a great desire to express the SELF, through adornment, art, music or entertainment, and there is a disinclination for serious work of any kind. One is apt to take up one thing after another but not to finish anything, and there is a great scattering of forces. There is a restless desire to be active and amused and much intolerance and impatience is expressed at the failure of certain plans to materialize as soon as one wishes. The PURPOSE of this period is for SELF-EXPRESSION and the WATCHWORD which will help one is—PATIENCE.

In number FOUR the plant has a struggle for existence with the elements, insect life, etc., and the law of the Survival of the Fittest operates here. We are now in the negative side of the circle and have dropped into more difficult conditions as we are going down the circle. One has to get down to practical facts, to work and pay attention to detail and have more or less monotony and drudgery. After the freedom expressed in the THREE period it is all the more difficult, for the habit of irresponsibility is liable to be firmly fixed. The foundation for a change in next year must be laid in order to take advantage of the forces present there. Thus all the domestic and business side of one's life should be given the minutest atten-

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tion. One must find joy in work here; accumulate physical energy and "keep the nose on the grindstone." The PURPOSE of this cycle is MATERIALITY and the WATCHWORD which will help one to include it, is SERVICE.

In number FIVE, the plant puts out new branches and new leaves, and thus the sap flows more readily. This is the lowest point in the circle, and is a critical period for one swings between the 4 and the 6. This causes indecision, changes and unexpected events to occur. New life is injected into one's affairs; one should travel, keep moving, must not settle down, or assume heavy responsibilities, one may desire to do so, but will only get crucifixion if one does. One should not make any plans that cannot be changed as the unexpected is apt to occur and the average person is apt to resist these changes and inharmony results. Accept your changes gladly and recognize that they are bringing you into better and happier conditions, for "nothing goes out of life but to make room for something better." Give yourself a holiday and a relaxation from cares. The PURPOSE of this cycle is for NEW LIFE and the WATCHWORD which helps one to accomplish it successfully is—UNITY without RESISTANCE.



"O flower on the breast of the water,
O marvel of bloom and grace,
Did you fall straight down from Heaven,
Out of the holiest place?
You are white as the thoughts of an angel,
Your heart seems steeped in the sun;
Did you grow in the Golden City,
My pure and radiant one?"

"Nay, nay; I fell not from Heaven;
None gave me my saintly white;
It slowly grew in the blackness,
Far down in the dreary night.
From the ooze of the silent river
I WON my glory and grace:
White souls fall not, my poet,
They rise to the highest place."

Medical Astrology

Article No. 3

By H. L. CORNELL, A. M., M. D., D. A.

THE star map, or figure of the heavens at birth, clearly indicates that all people are not born with an equal amount of vitality, or the same prospect of long life. Most people die on scheduled time, at various stages of life, because the great majority of people are drifting with their tendencies, and have not yet become self-conscious of their higher spiritual and psychic powers; have not yet charted the sea of their lives; have not yet located the coral reefs, rocks and dangerous places; know not the storm areas or periods of life; have not yet taken the helm to steer their ship of life into calm and protected waters, but are allowing themselves to drift listlessly out into an open sea, without rudder or pilot. Self-control, religion, spiritual attainment, right-thinking, regeneration, will-power, discretion, etc., help many to pass the rapids safely, and have a calm, peaceful, serene, and successful life, when their natural destiny was otherwise, but this number is few compared to the greater number who succumb to their tendencies, and meet with sickness, sorrows, disappointments, reversal or downfall. The orthodox religion, and the ordinary church life will do this for some people, and especially those who are born with very fortunate maps, and are so evenly balanced that nothing ever seems to disturb them. Such people are born good, and it takes very little effort for them to keep their poise and equilibrium under trying circumstances. People born with well balanced maps at a time when the planets were harmoniously configurated, and in strong signs and houses, do not have much sickness as a rule, have mild tempers, are kind, good, happy and fortunate, and usually marry well. Sometimes you meet an aged person who says, "I have never been sick a day in my life." Such people invariably have fortunate star maps.

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There are other minds that religion and religious training alone will not pacify, because they have the philosophical temperament, and must be shown the reason for their disturbed natures, and in a scientific way before they can get control over their tendencies, and check the evils of their natures, and allow more of the good to predominate. There are several occult sciences which deal with the laws of Nature, and the delineation of the human temperament, such as Astrology, the Science of Numbers, Palmistry, Phrenology, etc. I have made considerable study of all these systems in my spare time during the years I practiced medicine, but to my mind, Astrology is the one supreme, master science that leads them all, and upon which all others are based, for it is the planetary vibrations and influences at birth that determine the shape and form of the body, the height, weight, color of the hair and eyes, complexion, and temperament. Astrology is a science based upon mathematics, and each planet has its number, and in my thinking I use the science of Numbers every day. The number three is ruled by Jupiter, and is a benevolent number, and one of the reasons I purchased the house where I am now living was because its numbers add to "3," a benevolent Jupiter number, and ever since I have been living in this house, Astrological orders from all over the country have come in upon me so fast that I have little time for the recreations that formerly had a place in my life. But this work is pleasure and recreation, and if it were not so, it would not take me long to go back into the Practice of Medicine, where the financial returns at least would be multiplied many times. But it was the study of the Science of Astrology that especially brought me to my senses; which has resulted in a scientific knowledge of my nature; has resulted in better health, better poise, higher and nobler purposes in life; helped me to discover myself, and to know in what direction to find the good in my nature; revealed the evils of my nature in their true light, and as the cured patient generally praises their Healer, and the system of Healing that brought about their cure, so,

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am I going to stick to, and sing the praises of Astrology all my days. My own map is a very discordant one, and has about as many evil aspects in it as a map can have, and until I discovered it my youthful life was a very turbulent restless, and disappointing one. In those days, during my evil planetary periods I fretted and tossed, and rocked my boat until I nearly submerged; became a nervous wreck several times, all because I was ignorant of the conditions and influences that were operating over me at birth, and along during the different years of life. Today it is different, and you could not make a study of my star map and tell what I am today, as far as the evil influences in it are concerned. Nor could I take your map and tell what you are today if you have transcended it by knowledge, will-power and spiritual discernment. But the star map always shows the tendencies and what you have to overcome, and would actually describe most people as they are today. People who have the evil and discordant maps are usually the most active, ambitious and aggressive people among us. They are mostly the ones who study the occult, or want a horoscope, so as to discover what is wrong with them, and why they do not have success and health. I receive many letters from people who are frank to admit there is something wrong in their lives, that they have been a failure, and want to know what to do, and I feel it is a high calling, and a great life mission to help set such people right, and show them the way to a new life. In my years of practice as an Astrologer I have never yet made up a Horoscope for a person who was really happy, contented, self-satisfied, and wholly prosperous, for such people do not seem to order horoscopes. I met a man of the evenly balanced type some years ago in my home town, and in talking Astrology to him he said, "There are no evil days. All days are alike." They were to him. Some people seem to be wholly irresponsible to planetary influences and have constant poise. Others of us are like a delicate instrument that records every vibration in nature, and are known as sensitives. I am one of the sensitives, and can feel and

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register the planetary influences every day to such an extent that I can invariably tell when the vibrations over my life are good, or discordant, and without looking at the aspectarian or planetary tables. It is the sensitive people who usually succumb to disease, until they become enlightened, and the sensitive ones are those born with many evil aspects and influences at birth, which tends to keep their natures up to a high pitch, so that a bare touch of the trigger would cause an explosion, and jar their whole natures, and it is for you high-strung and sensitive people I am writing these articles to help you find yourselves and to have you become awakened and enlightened, and change your lives, and get onto the right path.

There are certain places in the Heavens at the time of birth, which are known as vital, life-giving places, and if you happen to have the Sun or Moon, or both the Sun and Moon in these places at birth, your prospects for vitality, and long life are fortunate. As a general rule the Sun and Moon give stronger vitality, if they are above the horizon at birth. The most fortunately born people, for vitality, are those born just before sunrise, or just before the noon hour, as the Sun is in very strong and fortunate houses at these times. There are times during every twenty-four hours, and on every day of the year when it is dangerous to health and life to be born, as well as the good times to be born. Nature has been arranged this way so as to equalize matters. If all people born each day were to be born at the fortunate times, there would be fewer deaths in infancy and childhood, and the earth would soon be over-populated, and there would be more famines and pestilences than there are, and it seems that only those are permitted to be born at the more propitious times who have a better Fate from out of the past, and who have lived a fairly respectable and useful life on earth in a previous incarnation, if the doctrine of Reincarnation be true. People born during the two hours just before sunset also have good vitality, but not as strong and enduring as with those born when the Sun is rising in the east during the two hours just before

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sunrise, and the two hours before the sun reaches the noon meridian. In judging a star map as to health, and duration of life, the first influence to be looked for is that of the position and power of the Sun in the houses and if the Sun is not favorably located, then look to the position of the Moon. If the Sun and Moon are both below the horizon, and away from the Hylegiacal, or vital, life-giving houses, then we can know the person so born is going to have a greater struggle for a long life, and will have to be more careful of his habits and avoid dissipation and irregularities, if he expects to live to old age. Experience, as well as knowledge, shows us that all people cannot dissipate to the same degree, and live, and in the same company of people, those who are given to drink, frivolities, and debauchery, we see some dropping out of life early in the game, and others born at the more fortunate times seem to be able to withstand any storm, and to recuperate rapidly. For this reason it is a risky and dangerous thing for the evilly inclined to drift along the downward paths in life, even for a short season without first knowing their natal and inborn powers to withstand disease, and the adverse effects of drink, loss of sleep, and intemperance, and it is the duty of all persons to either make a study of their own star map of birth, have their nature, powers and possibilities analyzed, or have some one else do it for them early in life before they start out upon their careers as responsible individuals, for the Laws of Nature are not to be trifled with. Those who attempt to go through this life aimlessly and recklessly trusting to chance and luck, are as foolish as a ship master would be to start out upon the High Seas without a compass, or rudder, or a helm by which to steer his vessel. Every Captain has a chart of the Seas he is traveling, and knows just where to steer clear of the rocks, sand bars, and hidden mountain tops. This world is so full of temptations to do wrong, has so many pitfalls, and so many treacherous elements to deal with in the struggle for knowledge, experience and spiritual attainment that it is marvelous as many get by as do, and hold out as

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long as they do, and many sad ends, and untimely deaths could have been prevented, in my opinion, if people had only known, and ruled their stars, instead of drifting with their tendencies, and being a slave to their stars, and the evil influences under which they may have been born. "Character is Destiny," and your present actions, decisions, and choices, have everything to do with the shaping of your future destiny.



Letter No. 17

About King David

By WILLIAM ALEXANDER REDDING
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COD is whirling the world around to a focus to start a New Dispensation, and the people must know what the new thing is to be; therefore, we must look into what God's plans are. They are carefully recorded in the Bible, but the people do not understand them. Many important points are stated. One of the *main* points about the New Dispensation is that the ancient David is to be brought back to earth and be the King. And it is to be the *original* David and not any son or descendant. And God states it that it is to be the *original* David. But God knew that the people of this day would not believe that He intends to bring King David back to earth and make him King, as the Bible prophecies declare it. God fore-saw that the people would read the prophecies about David and apply them to Jesus Christ as the *son* of David. So, to make the prophecies strong and positive and induce the people to believe that they mean what they say God binds Himself up in an ironbound *assurance* that the prophecies mean just what they say about King David and that they do not mean a *son* of David nor any descendant of David, but David *himself*. So, to assure the world that David is to come back and that it does not mean a *son* of David God says that he made a

covenant with David that guarantees that David should *not* have a son nor any descendant to come on and take the throne of earth at this day, but that David *himself* is to be the man. And God says that it is just as impossible for the sun to be kept from coming up in the morning and going down at night as it is impossible for God's plan to be broken about David, and that David shall *not* have a son to occupy the throne of earth. It shall *not* be a son nor any descendant of David, but David himself. God says He has a solid understanding with David that David shall *not* have a son nor any descendant to take the place.

GOD'S ASSURANCE

Thus saith the Lord, if you can break my laws about day and night so that day and night cannot come in their order then you may break my covenant with my servant David that he shall *not* have a son to reign upon his throne. For thus saith the Lord, David shall never need a man to sit on the throne of the House of Israel.—Jeremiah 33:17, 20, 21.

So, we see by this, that God has a solid agreement with David that no son nor any descendant of David can take the place set to David. It is to be David *himself*. He says David will never need any other man to take the place.

This ought to be enough to make the people quit preaching it that Jesus Christ is to come on as the *son* of David and set up a kinglom here, on earth. God says here, in this covenant, that David shall *not* have a son to take the earth throne; and that David will never need a man to take his place because David himself is to come on. But, in spite of this statement of God, that *no son* of David is ever to come on, the churches are teaching it that Jesus Christ, the son of David, is soon to appear and set up his kingdom here, on earth. They forget that Jesus himself says that he is not to be a flesh king here on earth. He carefully instructed the world against any such idea. He said:

My kingdom is not of this world—John 18:36.
It is expedient that I go away. John 16:7.

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The world seeth me no more.—John 14:19.

In *spite* of these statements of Jesus himself the churches go right on teaching that Jesus, the son of David, is soon to come and set up his kingdom on earth, right in the face of his statement that his kingdom is *not* of this world. The world is *totally astray* on all Bible subjects. And this David subject is entirely new and has never been thought about, therefore, it has to be taught from every side to bring it out in all its details, as the New Age plan is based on it, as David is the central figure in it, just as Jesus was the central figure in the Christian Age; and as Moses was the central figure in the Mosaic Age; therefore, the world must understand the David subject in order to get any start at this New Age that is, now, pushing in on us. The world is already in upheaval on account of the movement of the New Age behind the veil (in the unseen realm) but the people do not see this point. They think it is labor abainst the rich, or that the Democratic party or the Republican party or the Socialists or some other set of people are stirring up all the trouble. The world don't see the *real* cause of all the upheavals and mob violence and discontent. The world don't see that the time is here and that the clock of God is striking ;and that God has his man David on earth, *now* getting things ready for the New Dispensation. The Bible prophecies are, now, coming to pass. And there are many prophecies about the David subject, and they all show that David is to come on again and be the world's King and the Lawgiver. And David knew this before he died and he wrote it out that God would raise him up from the grave and make him a greater King than was before. Here are his words about it:

O, Lord, Thou who hast shewed me great and sore troubles shalt quicken me again and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth (the grave), and shalt increase my greatness and wilt comfort me; and I will praise thee and my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long.—Psalms 71:20 to 24.

So, David understood that God had it set to bring him up from the grave and make him a greater king than he *had*

been. Yes—he was king over the Israelites *only*; but *this* time he is to be King over the entire world, as the sworn covenant of God, put on David, says that David is to be higher than the kings of earth. He is to rule over all the *other* earth kings. And David made *another* statement that shows that he understood that he is to be brought back to earth and dwell in the House of David forever. Here are his words:

Goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever.—Psalms 23:6.

And David made another statement that shows that he understood that the sworn covenant of God put on him makes him the overcomer of all opposition and makes him the deliverer. Notice all the points in his statement and see how they fit the sworn covenant of God put on him. And, as God swore to it all it stands forever, as you must remember, that when God swears to a thing it means that it is to be *permanent* and never come to an end. Now read David's statement.

DAVID'S STATEMENT

It is God that girdeth me with strength.

He maketh my feet like hinds' feet, and setteth me upon my high places.

He teacheth my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation; and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

Thou hast enlarged my steps under me.

I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them; neither did I turn again till they were consumed.

I have wounded them, that they were not able to rise; they are fallen under my feet.

For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle; thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.

Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me.

*They cried, but *there was* none to save *them*; the Lord answered them not.*

Then did I beat them small as the dust. I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets.

Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people; and

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thou hast made me the head of the heathen; a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.

Strangers shall submit themselves unto me.

The strangers shall fade away, and be afraid out of their close places.

It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me.

He delivereth me from mine enemies; yea, thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me: thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

Great deliverance giveth he to his king David.—Psalms 18.

Notice the last line says that “*deliverance*” is put in David by God’s covenant. This is *one* of the points I am teaching all through my writings and talks. I say that King David is to be the *Deliverer* of all the world when it comes to such a terrible corner that it cannot get out by any human way, then David is to step in and commence to untie the hard knots and tight corners and pull the world out of its terrible condition. God’s sworn covenant, put on David, says just this; therefore, the world must study the sworn covenant of God set on David, as recorded in Psalms 89, and see who is ordained by God to be the overcomer and deliverer of the world from the *terrible* and sweeping disaster that will be in full swing during the next 30 years.



The price you pay for Truth is finite, but the value you get is infinite.

—J. F. ROWNY.

“This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”

—PSALMS 118:24.

I said, “I will go out and look for mine enemies,” and that day I found no friends. Again, I said, “I will go out and look for my friends,” and that day I found no enemies.—GERTRUDE R. LEWIS.

Learn to laugh. A good laugh is better than medicine. Learn to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sick room. Learn to keep your troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows. Learn to do something for others. Even if you are a bedridden invalid there is always something that you can do to make others happier, and that is the surest way to attain happiness for yourself.—ANON.

The Need of Many Teachers

GEORGE B. BROWNELL

SOMETIMES the various articles and messages appearing in The Aquarian Age may seem inconsistent when compared, but you will find if you analyze closely that the difference is merely the difference in the avenue of approach, and all converge into the same goal.

No two souls have traveled exactly the same path in life; all have unfolded under different environments, and consequently have evolved different powers and faculties and opinions, no two expressing the same power or gift in just the same way. Consequently the needs of mankind vary, and therefore it would be impossible for one teacher or one Center to reach all, and that is why the more teachers we have the faster the world will go forward. One teacher would not appeal to all, as there would not be that in his message that would apply to every need or plane of unfoldment. Any teacher who sets himself up on the pedestal of having the only true message, and who feels he has been selected or ordained by a higher power to save all mankind has tapped a wrong wire, and is not listening to the voice in his soul.

God seeing the needs of the world sends many teachers, and their number will increase more and more, for all are being inspired from the higher planes to get out and let their light shine. Some will be reached by one teacher's particular ray who could not be reached at that particular time by any other teacher. The only true attitude to take therefore regarding other teachers is that of encouragement and liberty. Each one is doing his part in the great work to be done, and his particular work is eminently helpful and important. The one who works on with a great love and the desire to help so paramount that he forgets his own personality and desire for personal gain or glory, is the one we love and the one who

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helps us most. The egotists are always a menace to spiritual work. The Christ said "HE THAT SHALL BE LEAST AMONG YOU SHALL BE GREATEST."

We have on several occasions put into "The Aquarian Age" articles that we thought were too simple, or articles that did not interpret the Truth in just the light we ourselves would express it, but we have been surprised to receive letters from subscribers telling what a wonderful help these articles were to them, and what a wonderful illumination and upliftment they had received from them. These articles had met their particular need, or seemed Truth to them on their plane of consciousness, but, of course, they did not meet the need of all. Some other article in the magazine proved more helpful to another soul.

The editors of a magazine, unless writing all the articles, must necessarily accept statements with which they would not perhaps wholly agree. This is a busy world and oftentimes magazine articles do not arrive until the magazine is ready to go to press, and we have no time to return them asking that objectionable paragraphs be omitted. In many cases the series of articles have been previously advertised and we cannot disappoint our readers in omitting an issue.

The point we have in mind is clearly shown by the articles contributed by Mr. Redding which are appearing in our magazine. These articles have perhaps caused more comment than any others we have published, and have brought forth a wide difference of opinion. Many have written us that his articles did not appeal to them, and they did not think they measured up to the tone of the balance of our magazine, in that he was giving the literal interpretation as found in the Old Testament, instead of the newer doctrine of Love as found in the New. On the other hand a still greater number have spoken very highly of these articles, considering Mr. Redding a most remarkable Scriptorian, bringing out points to them which had never before been called to their attention in the Bible. No one can help feeling the sincerity of his message, and all know

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how wonderfully his prophecies of twenty years ago (based wholly on literal Bible interpretation) have been fulfilled. Who can tell what is to come in the next few years? The world seems to be facing a crisis, and anyone who can bring this message in a convincing way before the world so as to awaken them to their individual responsibility to so think, live and also teach others to so think and live to avoid this crisis, is helping in the present crucial time. Mr. Redding's message sounds the warning, and our message is showing the world how by constructive serving, thinking and acting the world can be awakened to a higher vision, and the New Order be ushered in with no further strife and bloodshed.

Many Advanced Thought teachers have subscribed to our magazine to get Mr. Redding's prophecies, also many in the Orthodox and Catholic faith, and much to our surprise nearly sixty physicians of both the old and new schools have subscribed also as a result of his articles. We have received letters from lawyers, judges, teachers and writers along all advanced lines, people of intellect and vision who have stated that they agreed with Mr. Redding, and quite a few have told us they have had similar revelations. Many have subscribed to the magazine because of these articles who would not have subscribed otherwise, and this has given us an opportunity to put across to them our own message of Love and Service. It is not always wise to judge until you have all the facts and know both sides of a question.

The Bible is chiefly history. It can be interpreted spiritually and many lessons of truth drawn from it, but it has a literal and historical interpretation that must not be overlooked. Some have dwelt so much on the symbology, and spiritual interpretation that they have lost sight entirely of its literal significance, and the great plans which are being worked out in reorganizing society and its governments in order that the Kingdom of Heaven can manifest on earth. The outer is as essential as the inner.

Fruits of the Spirit

Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Host.

—Zech. 4:6

Pomeroy, Wash.

I want to thank you for the good work you have done for me. I feel today more than a well man, and better than I have felt in a good many years.

H.S.

Victoria, B. C.

I am writing you to continue the treatments. I feel much benefited through your prayers and feel I cannot afford to leave them off yet. I also am enjoying the lessons and find them very helpful. I am trying to carry out your instructions. My stomach is much better. Thanking you most heartily for your wonderful help and your loving thoughts for me.

M. I. B.

Washingtonville, Ohio.

I am much better. Only our Father knows how I do appreciate your goodness to me. I pray for you all daily. Yours in love,

MRS. M. C.

Helena, Mont., March 14, 1921.

The eczema condition is about gone. A thousand blessings for you both.

E. T. C.

Denver, Colo.

I am delighted with the help I received and will continue one year at least. I have been helped both in health and mind and spirit. I cannot thank you enough for your lovely truths and may you be prospered and blessed in this good work.

MRS. K. A. T.

Oakland, Calif.

For over a week I have been free of nose bleed, and the smothering hot spells are almost gone, and I am free of constipation, which I have always been bothered with. In fact, I am just getting along finely. I have not been able to lay my glasses on the shelf, but I am sure that is coming. Your lessons are wonderful. I am getting where I can feel the vibration all over my body. There is a personal touch in your letters that other teachers do not have. I wish everyone would have a chance to study your lessons. The whole world needs them.

MRS. J. W. L.

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Clinton, Iowa.

When I first wrote to you a few months ago I asked your help for peace, harmony and clearer vision. Dear friends, I am enjoying all three. I think last week was one of the most beautiful I ever lived in my life. I cannot explain in words, but everything living or otherwise seems different to me. I seem to be it or part of everything. There is a clearer vision and with it comes the peace and harmony. I am so thankful and grateful. Were I never to sense what I passed through last week again in this life, I will always be able to retain just that flash. And, oh, how I wish everyone else could feel and see as I do. I am enclosing a money order. Use it just wherever it will do the most good. Kindly accept this as an offering with the best of my wishes and from the bottom of my heart. Wishing all connected with the Aquarian Ministry every success, and may the blessings of Allah abide with you.

L. M.

Harris, Minn.

I wish to inform you that I have felt the vibrations off and on during the past month and hope that they will manifest in strength to mind and soul.

J. J.

Salem, Oregon.

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M. E. M.

Princeton, Ill.

With my subscription to your magazine I received one month's free Aquarian Ministry Service, and three of your lessons. I am so well pleased with the Service that I should like to continue my membership. I think your plan of gathering us into your Ministry where we may grow in grace, and where we give as well as receive a blessing every day is very beautiful and is unlike anything I have known before. I am very glad, indeed, to be one of the members.

C. M. P.

Hampton, Va.

I am feeling greatly benefited from the wonderful help you are giving me. I am following your instructions and I am so much better spiritually. I shall make every sacrifice to continue the lessons and treatment for the entire year. I have been interested many years in Truth, yet no help has ever given me the understanding of Life, the I AM, as you have given me. With blessings. Yours in Truth.

D. B. J.

Avalon, Pa.

Enclosed please find check for another month's Ministry Service. Each lesson is not only helpful, but very interesting and I will be sorry when they have run out, as they have helped me in numerous ways.

H. H. McK.

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Washingtonville, Ohio.

I am enclosing \$1.00 for my month's treatment. My, oh, my, how much better I feel. Why, I worked as hard as though I was 40 instead of 62, and I know it is because of your wonderful treatments. I praise God I ever read of you and Mr. Brownell. May He lead you on and on into higher, deeper works of His goodness and love, is the prayer of your earnest and loving friend.

M. L. C.

Washington, D. C.

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MRS. W. B. K.

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Self soul-analysis may be a good thing, but even this should not be carried too far. Try it for a week to see what kind of thoughts you are constantly entertaining, then set to work positively to create your own thoughts and visions of something higher and nobler. This is real soul-analysis which cannot help but be beneficial.

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Are You Creating Abundance?

ESIZABETH M. GARRETT

ABUNDANCE is the manifestation of health, success, financial gain and a rich Spiritual consciousness. Are you then manifesting abundance?

Many in the so-called New Thought world, who have been studying several years, feel as though God has not been good to them, after years of faithful service, in not rewarding them with abundance. God gives you only the good, and it is His will that you have abundance on every plane of Being. The trouble then is with yourself; you are so busy wondering why God does not bless you that you have not had time to realize the power of God in your affairs. You are holding a barrier over yourself by your recognition of your failure to receive abundance.

We are told that what we are constantly thinking of is brought into manifestation in our own affairs, so whatever condition you are now in, is the result of your past thinking. Many fail to realize that the desirable manifests just as readily as the undesirable, and they wonder why that which they do not want always comes to them. The solution is that they are constantly thinking and looking for what they do not want in their affairs. Do you not think that a great many are demonstrators of the undesirable?

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When you know the power of God will create good in your life, then why not use it for the advancement of your affairs. There are so many who know the creative power of God, but fail to lift themselves out of the habit of destructive thinking. They use this Truth as a pastime; something to be read and talked of, and to be demonstrated in the far away future, but they miss the great essential for the development of their own souls. This Truth is to be studied, and above all you must practice what you know, and more will be given to you. You may have a very clear conception of this Truth, and have read many phases of New Thought, but until you have put into daily application what you know, you have not realized the great satisfaction that comes to your soul. New Thought is not a religion to be used only one day of the week, but is to be used every day in practical application in your affairs. If you do not apply Truth you miss the gladness that comes to your heart when you ask, believably, that a desire be demonstrated, and you experience a greater joy when your prayer, combined with faith, has been answered. Try to realize that you are not limited by time, place or things, and that through the most unexpected avenues, your desire will be manifested.

To realize the unlimited consciousness it is necessary for the conscious mind to be impressed of its oneness with the Father. We are constantly having objects impressed upon our minds. If we are impressed by the same object very many times, it soon becomes a part of us, or rather we are moved by it. Take for instance an advertisement in a magazine seen for the first time. Your attention is called to it, but it does not appeal to you very much, yet every time you see it, it impresses you deeper, and soon you will answer the advertisement. So it is with each individual in speaking words of strength and power; the first time you speak them they may only impress you slightly, or they may only seem words to you, but as you repeat them over they impress you deeper and deeper until you will say "these words are strength and power to me." You did not see their meaning before, because they were only

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words to you, and only when you realized their fullest meaning, and they became a part of you, did you become conscious of their presence in your own mind. If every individual would take a few words of strength and power and repeat them daily, until they realized their fullest meaning, they would soon begin to realize what a great deal these words meant to them in the way of soul development and happiness in their affairs. The constant repetition of the same words is what gives you the desired results, and because you do not succeed at once, do not give up for you will gradually gain.

While holding for a desire to be brought forth into manifestation, you must hold the attitude that this desire is going to aid you to attain a rich Spiritual consciousness, wisdom, understanding, and a greater realization of the Spirit within.

There are so many desires we want expressed that we fail to demonstrate any, because we scatter our forces, and do not properly concentrate on the one desired object; therefore, find one definite, all-inclusive ideal. For instance you may wish a home, a car, and a successful business, but when your business has manifested success, the home and the car will naturally come about. Learn to be definite and hold to your desire until you have fully realized it. If any seeming difficulty should arise, do not give up, for if you will patiently hold to Truth, you will succeed.

When you have made up your mind and have a definite idea before you, then tune your mind to the higher vibrations by voicing an uplifting prayer or affirmation, and ask in the name of the Christ that your desire be brought forth into realization now. Then spend at least fifteen minutes daily in silent meditation in realizing that your desire is now in manifestation; then give thanks for the abundance you are now receiving. Accompany this, the rest of the time, with rich, beneficial thinking.

Remember that God is good to all, for He says, "Fear not little flock, for it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." We realize that this kingdom is within us, and is

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ready for us to partake of when we realize that God is ever present in our life and affairs, and when we can put into practical application this Truth we are partaking of the Father's Kingdom, which is his good pleasure to give.

Are you then creating abundance? It is for you to create in your life. If you do not succeed, let those who have attained this consciousness aid you until you have a higher consciousness yourself, for it is all done in the Spirit of love. The table is heavy laden with unlimited abundance, but it is for you to learn how to partake of the gifts, and may this message be a means to enlighten you and help you to create abundance in your life.

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DAILY QUESTIONS

E. G. Neiss-Waner

What good have I done this day?
To advance me a step on the way.
Have my thoughts been clean?
Was I noble or mean?
What account shall I give when I pray?

Did I pass that needy one by?
Did I hear that widow's soft cry?
Did I squeeze tight my purse?
Or do what was worse—
Feign ignorance—thus acting a lie.

Was my speech cheerful and kind?
Were my sympathies easy to find?
Was a smile on my face?
With my heart in its place.
Did the will to do right add strength to my mind?

We never achieve by wearing a mask;
Such questions to self, 'tis fitting to ask;
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Finds plenty of proof,
That "living the life" is a nobleman's task.

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“As a man thinketh in his heart so is he.”

 HOUGHTS are things” and take form upon the spiritual plane, and become the patterns that are woven into the warp and woof of life. It is a well established fact that our bodies are made over in less than a year. Every cell, even the hard bone cells are replaced. If you meet one whom you have not seen for years, who looks and acts the same, you can rest assured that he has not changed his thoughts much, and is still holding the same old views and opinions of life. On the other hand if you meet someone who has grown younger in appearance, brighter intellectually, with a greater spiritual force, you have found someone who has awakened to a new vision, who has learned something of the power of thought in moulding character and improving destiny. You will invariably find that they are studying and practicing some of the truths of life promulgated these days by the spiritually enlightened. The fact that people have gone ahead and made themselves over, eliminated old age, ousted poverty and disease, and built themselves into radiant beings, speaks eloquently of the power we possess as creators of our own destiny. What we express depends upon what we think. Everywhere you can read in the faces of the people you see, the record of their thoughts.

Paul, in the 4th chapter of Phillipians, 11th verse says, “For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.” But the true meaning, according to the original Greek, is not “content” but “sovereign,” which has the very opposite meaning. It is this and other similar faulty translations made by men of narrow vision that has lead largely to the prevailing belief that we must accept as inevitable and God-ordained whatever comes our way.

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The new teaching which is in accord with the edict, "Work out your own salvation" is to master every limitation and adverse condition. If God decreed these limitations it would be useless "to kick against the pricks," but the fact that thousands everywhere all over the world are demonstrating that they have the power to chose and direct their thoughts toward overcoming, and are dissolving mountains from their paths, is proof that "God helps those who help themselves" and that our adversity is due largely to ignorance and the acceptance of established world-beliefs.

The vast majority get no more good from New Testament teachings than the mere reading. Imagine what would happen to pains and aches and weaknesses and limitations if all took these two Bible statements and meditated upon them and put them into daily practice in their lives: "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he," and "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." it would change the whole world.

The Christ placed no limitations upon any living soul, in fact he opens a door for each, and shows the way into a Kingdom of unlimited power and beauty and dominion, with endless possibilities and opportunities for growth and unfoldment. He lived this life himself to show us its practicability, and to show that it was possible for us to live likewise he said, "Follow me," "The works that I do shall ye do also and greater works than these shall ye do," and the works he did showed mastery over every mortal and material limitation. He considered everything that fell short of the perfect as something to rise above and overcome, and exhorted all to become perfect, "As your Father in heaven is perfect."

The wonderful faith he had in the God power in himself and in others, is shown by his statement, "If ye have faith as

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a grain of mustard seed ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place and it shall remove and nothing shall be impossible unto you." No problem, no difficulty, no burden that can fall to the lot of man, but can be mastered by Faith in and assertion of the God-given power in the soul.

Recently while in the Yosemite, I heard a girl say, "I walked up to Glacier Point a year ago, and lost ten pounds, and have been weak and tired ever since." What really happened was that she tired herself out by the long strenuous climb, and instead of recognizing the power and intelligence in the body to recuperate lost energy, she worried about her tired condition, concentrated on it, visualized it and rehearsed it over and over again to sympathizing friends, who lent their mental force and vision to the negative picture, thus assisting her to make the condition more permanent.

Long standing ailments are often the out-growth of some simple suggestion, or accident, or temporary functional disorder due to abuse of some kind, and instead of ignoring the condition or dismissing it from the mind, it is feared and worried about until aggravated into a chronic state.

I once knew a man who suffered from dyspepsia. He kept eliminating this, that and the other from his bill-of-fare until he could eat only a few things, and these not wholly without distress. One day he was invited to a wedding and he made up his mind that he would go and eat everything that was placed before him even if it was his last meal. He so far forgot himself in the jollity of the occasion that the nerve force and digestive juices (so easily inhibited in their functions by fear) were able to function normally and the meal agreed with him perfectly and he had no trouble from dyspepsia thereafter.

When I was a lad about twelve years of age, I had an acute attack of indigestion that held on with considerable tenacity. One day my father took me to a doctor, one of the most genial and radiant of men. He asked me several questions and then said, "It is nothing worth mentioning. I will give you a little

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tonic that will fix you up all right." He inspired in me such a positive faith that I would get well, that I forgot all about my trouble and was cured before I had a chance to take the medicine.

When I was about six I had an illustration of the power of suggestion that I never forgot. I was in perfect physical condition, full of sunshine and play. It was early autumn, and some one gave me a bunch of Concord grapes. I ate them skin, seed and all. A little later I passed a looking glass and stood before it making faces as children do, and among other things stuck out my tongue and, lo and behold, it was black as was also the whole inside of my mouth. Immediately I began to yell at the top of my voice. My mother came rushing in, scared half to death at the unearthly noise, and grabbed me to find out what was the matter. Finally, after several attempts, I communicated to her that I had "Black Diphtheria." "Why, child," she said, "You have been eating grapes." I was cured very suddenly to say the least, and went back to play. The disorganizing power of such a state of mind would have been serious had no one been present to counteract the suggestion. This suggestion was planted in my mind the previous winter when two children in the neighborhood died of so-called black diphtheria. Having an inquiring mind, one of the things I elicited was that these children's mouths turned black inside before they died. As a child I had a great fear of dying, which passed entirely away as I became more awakened to the soul-life.

A minister was called to a new parish and shortly afterward, in making arrangements for Children's Sunday, he expressed a desire to decorate the church with flowers, as is the general custom. The committee informed him that they had never been able to use flowers extensively in decoration, as one of the most influential and wealthy women supporters of the church was subject to hay fever, and could not stand the odor. He appeared disappointed, but said under the circumstances, of course, they would have to comply with her wishes. Much

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to their surprise, however, when Children's Day arrived, the church was profusely and very beautifully decorated. After the services, the woman greatly incensed, and snuffling and sneezing, came up to the altar and demanded to know the reason for the display, complaining that it had brought on a bad attack of hay fever. The minister took her by the arm and walked up to the floral display, and said in the most kindly way, "These could not possibly have caused your hay fever;" and much to her chagrin, she discovered that they were all paper. So great is the power of suggestion.

A woman once told me that nothing of an undesirable nature stayed with her long. She refused to give any power to negative conditions by ignoring them and keeping her mind occupied with constructive, healing, optimistic thoughts. This is the general experience among those who learn that "Thoughts are things," and that we have the power to choose our thought and consequently create the conditions we desire, and our own destiny.

Children as a rule are born healthy, and would not ordinarily manifest the limitations of the parents if it were not for the fact that unwholesome suggestions are pounded into their sensitive souls from the cradle up. They are not taught that they are individual souls coming from God, with powers and talents all their own with which to hue out a destiny for themselves, and that the seed of mastery lies dormant within them. They do not inherit only reflect.

There are time-established world-beliefs (race-hypnotism in other words), that the advanced souls in this age, those who have turned to the light and received a new vision and guidance are trying to dissolve, and one of these is that we inherit the limitations and diseases of our parents. Take for instance, the children of tubercular parents. They are bred in an atmosphere filled with the thoughts of this condition. The parents believe the children are destined to inherit this dread disorder. They hold this belief constantly in mind and charge the mental atmosphere with these pictures and vibrations, and as there is

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a strong telepathic sympathy between parent and child, the thought is transmitted. All the neighbors and friends believe the same thing, because they have seen it work out in other cases or heard about it. Can you wonder that children reflect the parents' conditions.

I know a man who is radiant, robust and in perfect health. He was born of tubercular parents, but fortunately came across New Thought, and learned of this great Truth, that "THOUGHTS ARE THINGS" and "AS A MAN BELIEVETH SO IS HE," and reasoning from this premise, he realized that man was master of his destiny and could mould his life as he willed. Applying this principle he demonstrated its practicability in his life. I know of many who according to the world's vision, were destined to manifest various limitations and yet rose supreme above them through asserting the sovereign power of the soul, relegating the false beliefs to oblivion. No matter what ails you, dear soul, do not give way to it. Realize your inherent God-powers, your Christhood. Move with the faith of the Divine Master, whose will the elements of nature obeyed, so that hereditary blindness, leprosy, and a thousand and one other limitations sank forever into nothingness in the light of his magnificent faith in the God-power in his soul.

Geniuses walk our streets, not knowing their potential divinity, with "I can't," "I am too old," "I am destined to be what I am" beliefs in their minds. Mighty barriers these, for "Thoughts are Things," but they can be removed as readily as they were created, and shunned as easily as accepted.

I was once offered a difficult position with a large combine. At first the magnitude and complexity of the work scared me. I did not believe myself competent to fill the position. I could not turn it down and still retain the respect and confidence of my superiors, so I accepted it. Looking above for help brought out in me powers more than equal to every demand, and I succeeded and this put me in line with positions of greater responsibility.

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Do not give any power to negative conditions. Rise superior to them by ignoring or denying them, and recognizing your glorious backing as a child of God. Realize that you were placed in your particular environment for soul unfoldment and to gain the victory over all negative conditions. Realize that you are a God in the making. These three statements, "Ye are Gods," "Work out your own salvation," and "The Kingdom of Heaven is within you," have disturbed many a placid orthodox mind holding the old idea that sickness and adversity are God-sent.

In the Old Testament we find the statement that "God gave us dominion over all things," even the beasts of the field (the animal instincts and propensities), and the fowls of the air (our thoughts and beliefs).

You may know these simple truths, but coming from another mind they present a new angle, and a new meaning, and have a different force. All writers convey the quality and power of their spirit through their words and writings. This is particularly true of awakened souls; that is why each time you hear a Truth, but from a different writer or teacher, you feel a new uplift, or sense a new power.

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The human soul is God Himself enshrined, and as soon as any one knows this, the tale of earth life is told, and the spirit of man passes on to be something just as wonderful again in wider reaches of Cosmic Mind.

In the processes of evolution it takes many Teachers, Masters, and Messengers to form the fulcrums through which the upper spiritual forces can work out the scheme of Creation: through which atom passes to man, and men to gods, but there are no errors in the Great Eternal Plan, and "Without wise counselors the races fail, but with many counsellors the nations are safe," so in this gigantic relay race the Trinity of Divine Purpose is complete.

Man is an individualized god on his own self-created pathway, and from beginning to beginning he takes his own place through his own perception and conviction.

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Health and Happiness Through Right Thinking

By ADELAIDE L. GAFFNEY

 HE quest of the soul is perfection. The jewels of the soul are love, sympathy, compassion, faith, hope and charity. The tools of the soul are wisdom, will and desire.

The jewels we gather as we pass along life's highway, but the tools are made from the refiner's fire.

The perfections of one day are the building blocks for the next day. We are here to work with these tools, to burnish them brighter, to widen our field of endeavor with each trial. To leave naught undone that will help on the upward path.

We are here to build up, not to tear down. John 4-37. And herein is that saying true, "One soweth and another reapeth."

We are here to grow in sympathy, to be full of faith; to have the wisdom to know, the will to lead, and the desire to follow; to follow the Christ who awaits within and without, who continually calls to the soul to become at one with itself; to know that all life is the outflow of the one Mind, the thought children of the Father. When we begin to uncover the God within, we find many beautiful thoughts; thoughts that were planted there when we left our home; thoughts that were gathered on the way down to earth and now on the way back to heaven.

Heaven is a quality, not of the flesh, but of the Spirit. Spirit is God in action; it is the first movement; the all-inclusive, and in its fullness there is contained every rate of vibration, every degree of consciousness.

"God said, let there be light," the first commandment in creation. Light is spirit and where Spirit shines, there is Light.

John 1-5, "And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not."

The soul has gathered from Spirit many powers and qual-

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ties. Each soul is a container, and in order to fulfill the law, must also be a dispenser. Give that ye may receive. Receive that ye may give. Give back to life that which Life gave to you. This highway of life oftentimes seems so big and broad; then again it seems so small and narrow, just room enough for one, and one step at a time. When we say just room enough for one on this path of our own making, we mean that no one else just fits our place. It is just for us and where we are is just where the soul knows we should be. Another soul may be struggling beside us, before us, and some behind us, but all are where they are best fitted to be. Each soul is just where it wants to be or it would be somewhere else.

Desire plays a big part in life. Wholesome, steady desire draws to it, and with it the complete consummation in time.

To become at peace is the first requirements of constructive, perfect work. Life is a checkerboard; we are the movers; the players, and circumstances are the chessmen. We moved what seemed comparative mountains yesterday, and are better prepared to do our duty today.

The spiritual world is one of surprises, and tomorrow, or even today, may bring the fulfillment of some cherished plan, or some other plan which is better suited to the day, will be presented.

All is visioned in the spiritual before it becomes real to us here. But rest assured that whatever is for our ultimate good will come.

Follow your leadings from day to day. We build slowly. The well of understanding is deep. Look far down, within and without, for the springs of life that are continually saying, "Make haste slowly."

Jesus taught by symbology. The woman at the well, spoken of in the fourth chapter of John, typifies all life. He told her to look deep within, to draw from many spouts, to believe that good is always the same wherever found. The Book of Books is the same old story, told in different languages, but is the same old story, the sweetest story ever told. It is the same

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story told everywhere, in the rock, in the sea, in the animal, in man. It is just one sweet, fragrant spring of life. It is a guiding star, leading ever onward and up, back home to the Father's house.

Truth is another building block of the soul. It took ages to bring it down from Heaven, ages to set it in place, and may take ages more to build it into our temple.

John 4-23, "But the hour cometh, and now is when true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him."

Thought is the medium of the soul. All thought is good; it is the vehicle of expression. Some say, "This thought is not good, I will weed it out," but the weeding and sifting to pull these errant thoughts out forcibly is not always good. It is good if thereby we grow, but wasted time if we have to do it over and over again.

We can enrich the Kingdom of Heaven by the quality of our thought.

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The center and circumference, the cornerstone, foundation, and superstructure of all being is love. Love is the ultimate of existence; the atmosphere of heaven; the principle of brotherhood; the essence of real character; the basis of all fellowship and fraternity. It is the divine principle of universal creation; the golden cord which binds all society together.

Carol Norton.

So far as practical things are concerned, we may hunt the wide universe through and we shall find that there is no injunction more practical than, Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.

Trine.

Goodness is a perpetual quality, all-penetrating, all-searching, impartial, noble; a comfort in distress, a refuge to the weak, a tower and a defense to all men who wish to be right and to do right.

Joseph Parker.

The Law of Cycles

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"All beings are subject to the Law of Rhythm. Evolution is a curve, eternity a cycle."

RHYTHM means a time measure. When a succession of auditory or visual stimuli is perceived as a succession of groups we have the perception of rhythm. Under analysis the perception of rhythm proves to be a series of sensations which recur at regular intervals and show a regular variation of intensity.

Throughout the Natural World we are constantly meeting this law of rhythm or periodicity, in the different seasons, day and night, the growth and fall of foliage, the fluctuation of temperature and the ebb and flow of the tides. In fact every act of life is associated with it. If anything goes out of life something comes to take its place. "Presence does not exist without absence, what is upon its flight of farewell is already on its long path of return. What the mind suffered last week or year it does not suffer now, but it will suffer again next week or next year. Happiness is not a matter of events, it depends upon the tides of the mind. Disease is the metrical closing in at shorter and shorter periods towards death, sweeping abroad at longer and longer intervals toward recovery."

The more rhythmical our lives become the more harmonious are they. A straight line or the breaking of the rhythm of life causes disintegration and death. Thus change is the base upon which our very existence depends, for in order that the rhythm may be established we must have our "ups and downs." The cart could not progress were it not for the revolution of the wheel, down then up, up then down. So it is in our own lives, we progress through our mistakes and disappointments, and our willingness to rise out of them. We must

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realize that they are nothing but the motion of the cyclic law of vibration." "Nothing is constant but change. Nothing is —everything is becoming. Rest is only unseen energy." From the smallest to the greatest events in our lives we must travel with the revolution of the wheel of life and if we resist or seek to prevent its motion we are only ground under its rim until we learn the lesson not to be caught in the processes of our unfoldment.

Life then is not only rhythmical but also mathematical. Many people can measure the rhythm in periods of numerical years when certain conditions are manifest in the life that have occurred before. We might divide the span of a human life mathematically into nine revolutions of nine cycles each, within which are the smaller cyclic revolutions of the years, months and days, making cycles within cycles all fraught with events of tremendous importance to the growth of the individual. In former times this cycle was determined in degrees of seven minor cycles with ten major cycles thus creating the span of man's life of "three score years and ten" (seventy years) of Biblical lore. No doubt the majority of people due to their ignorance of these finer laws of life are still limiting themselves to this period and many never live that long. But the awakened individual of today may not only attain to nine times nine years, but continue to live long beyond it in a super cycle of consciousness, provided he realizes his God-given powers.

Each cycle of our lives is made up of certain lessons which can be mathematically determined, and these must be learned before we can progress, and if we are stubborn and refuse to learn we are still promoted along with the class but have back work to make up, so that in time we become so burdened with unlearned lessons that we fall by the wayside, one of Life's failures. It then behooves each and everyone to determine whether he has learned the lessons of the different periods of his life and if he is carrying conditions that no longer represent him, to be done with them and pass on to the next lesson.

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"There is a hard school kept by Life,
With pupils, sad and white,
And some shed tears like falling rain,
Throughout the dreary night.

And some cross languid wrist on wrist,
And say it is their fate,
And others sit with knitted brow,
And fill the heart with hate.

But those who study very hard,
And learn that pain can bless,
May go out in a leafy yard,
And play with Happiness."

The physical body renews itself every seven years, so the physical cycle of the individual may be said to consist of seven years. The animal individual who lives solely to eat, sleep and be merry, lives in this cycle and misses the higher side of life. It is probably true that he commences to die mentally and soulfully about fourteen years of age and reaches mature life, a walking corpse. It was to these people that Jesus referred when he said, "Let the dead bury the dead." If we were to have a funeral of all the people who are really dead, though very much alive physically, the world would be greatly depopulated. Our streets in any city are simply a moving graveyard.

The mental cycle of those who are solely interested in the intellectual and commercial side of life runs in octaves, thus the eighth period is in reality the first of another period of seven and but little in advance of the physical cycle. But the soulful individual who is awakened to the spiritual verities comes under the cyclic law of nine. Because this is the law under which every individual should place himself, we will consider this cycle rather than the others.

Broadly speaking then, life should be divided into three

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grand cycles of twenty-seven years duration, although it generally averages about twenty-one to twenty-five years according to consciousness of the individual. During each period certain lessons should be specialized in and these in turn are composed of minor lessons, so that the chart of an entire life would represent wheel within wheel or like the motion caused on the surface of a lake from dropping a stone into the center, ripples merging into ripples and extending into the distance.

The first twenty-seven years should be a *Personal cycle* in which the individual is finding himself and he should be concerned chiefly with the development of his character and special talents. If we observe the characteristics of an infant we notice that its first stage of development is personal. It is not conscious of others about it except in an impersonal manner. It is more interested in itself. It is very conscious of its feet but does not relate them to its body and tries to grab them. It also wants to draw everything to itself and will pull the tablecloth or anything it can reach. It has no sense of responsibility.

This then is similar to the first period in which youth is spent and in which the individual is more or less full of Self. This is necessary in order to establish a character and an individuality. This corresponds to the physical cycle for the most rapid changes of the body take place during this period.

Here the child must become individualized, to think for itself, to be original, to create, to be self-reliant, able to follow its own initiative. But due to "the crushing out process" in the form of education that has been in vogue, children as a rule reach nine years of age with the destructive side of these characteristics developed. They are imitators, parrots, dependent, unable to think alone or to create. In many cases they go through life and never have learned even the first step in the unfoldment of a character, to think. It has been said that the average individual would rather lie down and die than to do a little thinking, it is so difficult. So, if an individual wishes

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in middle life to build himself into a more perfected soul he must begin again as "a little child" and this is the first lesson he must teach himself. If you wish to test yourself, where you are on the path, ask yourself if you have the above characteristics developed within you.

It is probably true that more people will fail in this first test than in any other because we start out in life to have our thinking done for us, first by our parents, then by our teachers, and later by public approval. How many people will dare not to wear an unbecoming garment that is in vogue? Fashion decrees a certain style, young and old, fat and thin, ugly and beautiful, they all rush in to adopt it. What is the result? There are so few well dressed people in any season who are really a joy to look at, that you can almost count them on your fingers. Fashion has decreed that women shall wear black this fall and regardless of the fact that it is the most destructive color known, all the undeveloped people will rush to adopt it and plunge our nation into a wave of depression and gloom from which it will take years to recover. The most immoral countries in the world are those in which black is used universally, then why should we adopt a color that will prove disastrous especially to young children? I do not advocate being freakish in dress and utterly ignoring prevailing styles, but I do believe that each individual should study the style that is most becoming and adhere to it, modifying it in harmony with the prevailing mode and yet be individualized.

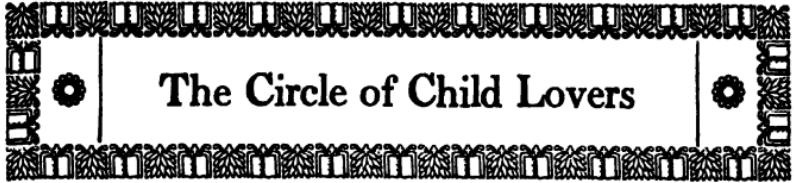
"In a world in which so many people wear the same clothes, live in the same houses, eat the same dinners, and say the same things, blessed are the individuals who are not lost in the mob, who have their own thoughts and live their own lives."

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We are continually attracting to us from both the seen and the unseen side of life, forces and conditions most akin to those of our own thoughts.

Trine.



The Circle of Child Lovers

*"Not in entire forgetfulness, and not in utter nakedness,
But trailing clouds of glory do we come
From God, who is our Home."—Wordsworth.*

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The Father's abundant blessing be upon this work and upon every helper.

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Little Lessons in Child Culture

Lesson No 2.

GIVING WHAT YOU HAVE

DANY parents and others who are engaged in the beautiful occupation of rearing children, bemoan the fact that they are unable to give them an abundance of money and the things that money will purchase. If you are such an one, have you ever thought about giving what you have and doing so with joy and spontaneity?

What have you? Well, there are love, and superb incentive, and power to give pleasure, and encouragement, and companionship, and sympathy, and example, besides many and many another often overlooked treasure of the Spirit.

Consider the power to give pleasure, whenever, wherever, and of whatever kind. You know how little, how very little, it takes to delight the heart of the child! Why then not be on the lookout for every opportunity of increasing his happiness and count it all joy thus to serve?

Enter whole heartedly into the child's plans. It knows far better than you what it came into the world to accomplish. Unless there is some moral question involved, beware of frustrating his desires or tarnishing the brightness of his vision. Let him give free play to his imagination for it is a mighty creative power, too frequently minimized, and often condemned. Remember the power of "Building castles in the air," or "Castles in Spain" as it is otherwise put, is one of the "Trailing clouds of glory" that we bring with us. All objects and conditions are first built in the invisible—in the thought realm—before they can be seen by the physical eye. Therefore help the child to develop what is one of his greatest assets. Talk with him about what he would like to do, suggest ways of carrying out his ideas, seek to help him find his life work. In everyone there is a dream, just as there is a soul, and to express the dream in matter is the perfect individual performance.

It is when we get into the real joy and true exhilaration of

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expression that we find "Life flows on like a song." Aid your children to this happy realization.

Companionship! O, how much it means to the child when father and mother are its companions! Would you have your children confide in you? Be convinced you must first take them into your confidence; be a play-fellow with them; enter into their joys and sorrows; feel with and for them. Unless you do, your children will grow farther and farther away from you. Make the home a gathering place for your children's friends. Provide little surprises for them at their play—glasses of lemonade, a plate of wholesome cookies or some other simple refreshment. Plan an occasional outing for the children and their friends, and go with them yourself. There are plenty of ways and means at your disposal if you will seek for them. Thus shall you avoid the heartache of unloving, ungrateful and home forsaking children. And thus also shall Father and Mother become in their eyes the loveliest persons in all the world. (In this connection, I would suggest the reading of "Mother Carey's Chickens," by Kate Douglas Wiggins.)

Sympathy too, is a powerful binder. One day a father was busy at a most exacting bit of writing. His little daughter, with hurt hand, came running in, tearfully displaying the injury. Unheeding this claim upon his love and sympathy, the father went on with his sermon. The crying child stood it as long as she could, turned on her heel, and with a deep sense of utter neglect tugging at her heart strings, stamped her foot, exclaiming in bitter accent, "You might at least have said Oh!" She asked for bread, and he gave her a stone. Besides, he put up a barrier between himself and the soul of his daughter that long years may not destroy, for such hurts and slights sink deeply into the subconscious reservoir. Without doubt, this father had a fund of tenderness in his heart for he was a loved pastor, but lacking appreciation of relative values (the sermon at the moment being to him of greater import than neglect of one of God's little ones, he was caught off his guard.

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The payment of it all, the glory of it all, is that "My reward is with me." Yea, verily, the reward is in the doing.

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Letter No. 22

DAVID'S HARD MISSION

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OD'S big bird supper, discussed in my last article, is not the *only* drastic tragedy set to come, in the near future, in establishing the New Age. Many severe occurrences will come; and one *specially* hard ordeal is set to occur. It will be a *miracle* tragedy acted out by King David. The prophecy about it shows that the nations will be at war and that God will have David deal with them, as *he* is to be God's agent to deal with *all* the nations; and, of course, David's teachings will be rejected by the nations, just as the teachings of Jesus were rejected, as God's ideas never meet with approval by the human mind. The human always rises up and fights the things of God; and they are going to resist David and his teachings, this time, just as they resisted Jesus and his teachings, but the sworn covenant of God, put on David, will be there and it will do as it says. It says, "I, the Lord, will beat down David's foes, right before his face, and the enemies shall not exact off of David." And the warring nations are going to run up against this oath of God; and, of course, it will mow them down like grass, just as it always does. I have watched it work, the past twenty-five years. And it is going to work in a most drastic manner, in the big bird supper, described by St. John, in Rev. 19:17 to 21 and which I discussed in my last article; and the powerful sworn covenant of God, put on David, is going to work in a tragic way, again, some years from now, when things come up to a sharp focus; and they are heading, rapidly, toward that focus; but people never

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get a hint of what is causing all of the upheavals. Wars, strikes, mob violence, bomb-throwing, bandit workings, floods, hail, "flue," pestilence etc. Things are running towards the great and *terrible* focus which will bring on the tragic occurrence. In reading it you must know that the man who rises out of the sea is to be David, the King. And the sea means a sea of people, as the Bible prophecies say David is to be a man, among men, like other men; and that when his time comes for him to commence God's New Age work he is to step out from among the people. This is the sea from which he is to step out. And notice that the man out of the sea began to speak, and it attracted everybody, and they were afraid of him, but they would venture to mob him. And notice it says that the man out of the sea is he whom the Most High has kept a great period of time, and that he is to be the Deliverer. This is David, the King, whom God has kept thousands of years. And notice the man out of the sea had built him a great mountain and he flew up on it. The *mountain* is a high spiritual condition. Now read of the tragedy:

ESDRAS PROPHECY.

I dreamed that a wind arose and moved the sea and the waves thereof and a man came up out of the sea (the sea of people) and he waxed strong with the thousands of heaven (meaning the angels). And when he turned to look all things trembled. And when his voice went out of his mouth everybody who heard him, burned as with fire. And I saw a great multitude of men, beyond number, gathered together, from all directions to subdue the man who came out of the sea. And I saw that he had built him a great mountain (spiritual mountain) and he flew up on it. And they who had gathered together to subdue him were sore afraid of him and, yet, they dared venture to fight him. And when he saw the violence of the multitude of men that came against him he never lifted his hand nor any sword of war, but he sent out of his mouth a blast of fire and sparks and tempest and it fell, *with violence*, upon the multitude of men who were coming against him to kill him, and it burned them up, every one of them, so that all of a sudden nothing was left of the multitude but dust and the smell of smoke. Then I, Esdras, was afraid. And, then, I saw the man come down from his mountain and he began to call unto him a peaceable multitude, and

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many people came to him. Some were glad and some were sad and some were in bondage. Then I, Esdras, was sick with fear. Then I said shew me the interpretation of this. And he answered me and said, The interpretation of the vision I will open unto thee. Whereas, you saw a man coming up out of the sea. He is the man whom the Most High hath kept a long period and he shall be the Deliverer and shall order or command all who are left on earth. And thou sawest that he issued out of his mouth a blast of fire and storm, and that the rushing in of him destroyed the whole multitude that were trying to take him. Now know that the days will come when the Most High will begin to deliver them that are upon the earth; and he shall come, to the astonishment of all that dwell on the earth. And one shall fight against another; and one city will fight against another city; and one place will fight against another place; and one people will fight against another people. The time will come when all these things will come to pass. And, whereas, thou sawest that the man out of the sea commenced to gather unto himself a peacable multitude. These are the Ten Tribes of Israel who were captured by the King of Assyria (721 B. C.) and carried away from Palestine. Copied from the 13th chapter of II Esdras in the Apocrypha.

Here we have it laid out before us. And other parts of the chapter say that it is to come to pass in the "*latter days*." We are now in the *latter days*; therefore, the great tragedy is not away far in the future. No, it is coming, *rapidly*, to the crashing focus. The upheavals are commencing, and the fighting of one person against another is commenced; and one city is against another; and one race is against another, just as this prophecy declares it will be. So, we are entering into the *beginning* of it; and it will grow worse and more violent, as time goes on. And the man is raised up out of the sea but he is keeping still and is waiting for the right time for him to step into action and take a hand. He is the man whom the Most High hath kept a long period, the prophecy says. He is King David. Jeremiah says so.

Thus saith the Lord, They shall serve the Lord, their God, and David their King, whom I will raise up unto them.—Jer. 30:9.

This prophecy was written 408 years after David died; but David knew that he was to be raised up from the grave and be made a greater King than he had ever been and, before he

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died, he wrote it out that God would raise him up from the grave. Here is what he says about it:

O Lord, Thou who hast shewn me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again and shalt bring me up again, from the depths of the earth and thou wilt increase my greatness; and my tongue will talk of thy righteousness all the time.—Psalms 71:20 to 24.

This clearly shows that David knew he was to be kept a long period of time and then raised up from the grave under a new quickening of God, just as the Esdras prophecy says that the man who came up out of the sea is he whom the Most High had kept a long period of time. He is the same man St. John saw on the horse in the big bird supper occurrence, described in Rev. 19:17 to 21. And I do not know whether the bird supper is the same occurrence as the Esdras prophecy describes or not. They may be two different occurrences, at different times; but one or the other of them was put before me by a revelation, in 1903 A. D. It showed an angry mob gathered around David, the King, and they were about ready to grab him and kill him, when, suddenly, he got the victory over the mob. At the time the revelation was put up before me (in 1903) I did not know that the big bird supper is described in the Bible, nor that Esdras prophecy was in existence. I did not know that any such scrapes were set in the Bible; and I was puzzled about the revelation that was being put before me. I did not understand what was being shown to me. It puzzled me a long time—a few years—until I ran across the bird supper in the Bible, and, later on, I ran onto the Esdras prophecy; *then* I saw that the revelation was putting before me the same thing set in the Bible; but I have never been able to discern whether it was the bird supper or the Esdras prophecy occurrence that was being put before me, or whether they are one and the same occurrence described by St. John and Esdras, or whether each man was telling of a different occurrence that is to come on, in these "*latter days*." Esdras says the man out of the sea spit fire on the mob and burned them

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all up so that nothing was left of them but dust and the smell of their smoke. This would leave nothing for the birds to eat. No dead bodies lying around for the birds. So, this seems not to be the bird supper occurrence. It seems to be *another* occurrence; and the revelation put before me (in 1903) did not distinguish which one of the occurrences was being shown to me. But it showed an ugly scrape. But the David man got the victory, just as the bird supper scrape shows that the man on the horse got the victory over the mob; and as the Esdras prophecy shows that the man out of the sea gets the victory over the mob by spitting fire on them and burning them up. I am satisfied that the man out of the sea is the *same* man St. John saw on the horse. They are one and the same man; but he *might* have to perform the bird supper occurrence and, then, perform the spitting fire occurrence at *another* mob, as there will be all sorts of devilish and *terrible* occurrences while he is establishing the House of David on earth, as the same old ugly human mind in the people will be at work to resist David and his message as was at work against Jesus and his message. Same thing to be played over again; but *this* time the sworn covenant of God, put on David, will swing, *furiously*, against the enemies and not let them get the upper hand over David nor exact off of him. The sworn oath of God says it this way. It says:

I have found David, my servant, and I have anointed him with my holy oil, and by him mine hand shall be established; and I will beat down his foes, right before his face, and the enemies shall not exact off of him, for I have sworn by my holiness, saith the Lord, that I will not lie unto David nor alter the things that have gone out from my lips; for my covenant with David shall stand fast to him, *forever*, and I have made him my first-born, higher than the kings of earth.—Psalms 89.

This shows why he gets the victory over the mob and throws them out for the birds to eat; and why he can spit fire on the mob and burn them up so that nothing will be left of them but the *smell* of their smoke. Not even any smoke will

be left. Just the *smell* of the smoke will be all that will be left of the mob. Just the *smell* only. It will be total annihilation of the mob.

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We sleep, but the loom of life never stops; and the pattern which was weaving when the sun went down, is weaving when it comes up tomorrow.

Henry Ward Beecher.

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MEDICAL FREEDOM

CHICAGO, August—Drugless healers of more than ten different systems, as well as allopaths and neutral laymen, who are determined to end the oppression and coercion practiced by the "allopathic medical monopoly," are preparing to mobilize their forces at a convention in this city during the last week of October, when they are to draft a fighting plan of campaign for the coming twelve months.

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Bicknell, Calif.—Please find enclosed one dollar for continuance of co-operation with your good work. Sometime in the future I hope to be able to send my fees for a year at a time. I send you my best wishes and want you to know that I have been blessed and put on a higher plane of life. Thanks to the Ministry and the Lord.

W. H. R.

Phoenix, Ariz.—There is a great relief in my condition. Inside of a week after I wrote you for treatment the lump began to grow smaller. It has not entirely disappeared but the irritation is gone, and I feel it only occasionally. I repeat often the statement you gave me to repeat. Thanking you so much for the help you have given me.

MRS. A. E. H.

Ashland, Wis.—I enclose \$2.00 for two months. My cough is entirely cured for which I thank you.

MISS V.E.R.

Lynn, Mass.—Your dear good letter came this morning full of love and cheer. Yes my dear child that Law of Love will carry you through. Peace be with thee. As for myself since taking your service I feel much better in health and business is a little better. I can see an improvement in the friend I wrote you about also. God bless you all in your good work is the wish of a loving friend and co-worker.

DR. A. J. H.

Easton, Pa.—Enclosed please find \$2.00 for another month for myself and my father. We have both had so much from the service and my sister too. My father can see to read again, and we are very thankful. We do have so many things to be thankful for and I only wish I had come sooner and my sister thinks the same. I have talked to some people about the service and feel two or more may try too. I know it will help them.

MISS M. V. K.

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Hardin, Mont.—The little appeal which you sent out with your magazine this month brought to mind what I owe to it, and you, so I enclose a check. Please renew my subscription and send me the continuation of the Lesson course with treatments. It was through this little magazine, in a way you do not think, perhaps, that I came to obtain the greatest good of my life, or so it seems now to me. I feel very grateful to the publishers of the Aquarian Age. May God continue to bless you in your work. You know not how or where the seed may fall, nor in what way its effect be felt.

MISS N. M. B.

Kansas—Your letter in connection with the "Age" is received and I beg to say that it has been negligence on my part not to have thanked you and expressed to you the honor which is justly due, and that is the benefit which was given me through the Ministry. Wonderful changes have been going on in my body, physical conditions that troubled me for years due to not altogether my own fault and being busy correcting the troubles of others, were greatly neglected. There yet remain a few "kinks" to straighten out. It would seem that part of my life has gone out if the "Age" failed to come each month. Certainly means much to me. Again thanking you and wishing you abundant success. I shall turn some work to you wherever it is possible to do so but people are so queer, and convincing them to part with some money where no bottle of dope, or serum or knife is in sight, is another thing, but I will gladly do all that is possible. Sincerely,

DR. A. B.

Hartford, Conn.—I am writing to thank you and tell you how much good the Special treatments did me. I am very grateful and would so love to keep on with them. I can see the white light, and the yellow and a beautiful blue.

MRS. A. W.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Am in receipt of your kind and welcome letter and wish to say that many good things have happened in my favor during this first month's service and I am sending for another month. I can heartily recommend your Lessons as wonderful revelations of God's word. Keep up the good work to enlighten mankind, to show them there is no death and no hell, but we must reap what we sow. Yours in Christ.

MR. J. J. W.

Pittsburg, Kansas—During the past month, I've been helped greatly by your healing service. My trouble has left me entirely. I can hardly wait for my lesson each week.

MRS. A. K.

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San Dimas, Calif.—I am enclosing an offering to help you in your work for mankind. We are giving a tenth of our income for the Father's work, so I divide it among those we know are working for the uplift and redemption of humanity. May every blessing you send out return to you many times increased.

MRS. S. S.

New Brighton, Pa.—Well I surely appreciate your help because I know and can feel that you and others are helping me to work out our plans for a greater and larger work in another field of service. I seem to feel the help you have been giving me in the past seven or eight months concentrating around me in a great volume of force and power so that I have had a greater soul development, have been doing better work and things are starting to come my way. I have sold my home (at last) and it seems to have been just the right time to sell it, also almost all my furniture. I enclose offering. Kindly continue to treat for development of soul powers, healing, teaching, etc. Some day I shall be in California and then I can see you face to face. May power and success be yours.

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